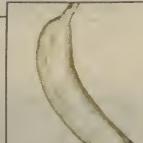


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Mopping up at the Leland
Firefighters and residents milled about outside what remained of the Leland Hotel on Polk Street December 23, assessing damage after a four-alarm fire broke out on the roof of the residential hotel around 6 p.m. December 22. Lieutenant Ed Campbell of the San Francisco Fire Department said welders who had been working between the fourth and fifth floors accidentally caused the blaze, which heavily damaged the five-story building and left about 100 people homeless. About 120 firefighters and 21 pieces of equipment were used to fight the fire, and the American Red Cross helped locate shelter for victims, many of whom are gay and HIV-positive.

Jane Philpot/CJ

It's time to swear in City College trustees, supes
by Cynthia Laird

With the first of the year comes the swearing in of various elected officials in San Francisco, as governmental bodies prepare for another year of doing business. Both the Board of Supervisors and the City College Board of Trustees will hold swearing-in ceremonies this week.

Gay San Francisco Supervisor Tom Ammiano will be sworn in as president of the Board of Supervisors on Friday, January 8 at noon at the newly refurbished City Hall at its new address, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place. The street name change affects a block of Polk Street in front of City Hall, and is bordered by Grove and McAllister

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'John Doe' leaves hospital

by Mark Norby

A young man who was victim to a possible anti-gay hate crime over three weeks ago was released from St. Mary's Hospital and into the care of child protective services this week. Since the December 4 incident, St. Mary's doctors have tried to bring the young man out of a state of amnesia. He is still listed as John Doe.

Doe was found stumbling near the hospital in the early morning hours with cuts and swelling to his face, and with anti-gay epithets scrawled across his chest and stomach. Written with a black marker, the message read: "You should all die," and "You don't deserve to live fucking queers."

"He did not have any recollection of the incident," said Officer Milanda Moore of the San Francisco Police Department's (SFPD) special investigations unit. "He did not know his name. He did not know his age. He said the only reason he knew he was in San Francisco was because somebody at the hospital had told him."

Community United Against Violence (CUAV), an anti-violence agency dedicated

HIV vaccine to undergo SF test ...but no benefit expected

by Mike Salinas

The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) will join a national effort to find a vaccine against HIV infection, beginning in early 1999. Dr. Susan Buchbinder of the DPH AIDS Office and Dr. James Kahn of San Francisco General Hospital will head the local study, in which approximately 300 sexually active gay San Francisco men will receive seven injections. Volunteers will not know if they are being inoculated with the potential vaccine or with a harmless – but useless – placebo.

The vaccine being studied, AIDSVax, is manufactured by VaxGen of South San Francisco, and has been variously described as everything from "promising" to "dubious" by experts and activists, many of whom are also concerned about the methodology that researchers will use.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) currently estimates a rate of HIV infections among gay men at about 1.5 percent – meaning 15 gay men per 1,000 will seroconvert in the course of a year – and the study will seek to determine whether participants who get the vaccine seroconvert at a slower rate. Along the way researchers will track the group getting the placebo to verify the 1.5 percent seroconversion rate. But, activists say, if the vaccine is effective the study design will deny its benefits to volunteers who get the placebo, and with the seroconversion rate already figured from previous trials,

there is no reason why every volunteer shouldn't get the potential vaccine.

Activists say there is no reason for VaxGen to endanger the health of half the volunteers by withholding anything that might fight HIV infections. They point out that clinical trials of AIDS medications no longer use placebos because the denial of effective medications is considered unethical – the exception was in some AZT trials the U.S. State Department sponsored in Africa this year, which resulted in an outpouring of condemnation over the study design – and say vaccine trials should be "compassionate" studies like the trials for treatments.

"People go into these trials because they hope for some benefit," Jeff Getty of ACT UP/Golden Gate pointed out. Getty knows what he's talking about – he volunteered for an unprecedented bone marrow transplant from a baboon in 1996 – but says he is surprised how little VaxGen understands why people volunteer for studies.

"I spoke with the woman in charge of the program and she told me that volunteers should do it for some altruistic reason, for the advancement of science, without considering whether it is of any benefit to them. I was amazed talking to her; it was like talking to AIDS drug manufacturers in 1986."

Joe Wright of DPH told the Bay Area Reporter the department "definitely doesn't want anyone to assume they'll get any benefit from the trial." He feared that such an assumption would almost inevitably increase

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lengths to protect him, for whatever reason," she said.

Because Doe might be a juvenile, authorities have declined to release a photograph. ▼

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Gay San Jose man gets pilot scholarship

by Cynthia Laird

The National Gay Pilots Association-Education Fund (NGPA-EF) announced Sunday, December 20 that it has awarded \$2,000 scholarships to two gay men seeking careers as pilots, one of whom is a Northern California resident.

Paul R. (Randy) Hill of San Jose was one of the recipients. Hill graduated this month from San Jose State University with a bachel-

or of science degree. Already a private pilot, Hill will begin advanced flight training in January at a flight school in Oakland.

The second scholarship winner was Christoph Philipp, who is originally from Switzerland but who now resides in West Hollywood. Philipp, who holds a private pilots license, graduated this month from Loyola Marymount University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is currently completing his training for commercial and instrument pilot certificates. Philipp plans to begin studies for a master's degree in aeronautical science in Prescott, Arizona.

"We want to encourage members of the gay and lesbian community to carefully consider a career as a pilot," said Robert Moore, executive director of NGPA. "These two individuals have demonstrated an intense interest in a career in the cockpit, a willingness to work hard, and an aptitude for flying. These scholarships recognize their achievements and help propel them toward their goal."

Moore said the deadline for the next round of scholarships is April 30. Applications and addi-



Randy Hill has long displayed an intense interest in cockpits.

tional information can be obtained by writing to NGPA-EF, P.O. Box 2010-324, South Burlington, Vermont, 05407-2010, or by calling NGPA at (703) 660-3852. Information is also available on the NGPA website at www.ngpa.org. ▼

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Death sought for Shepard suspects

United Press International

A Wyoming prosecutor will seek the death penalty for two 21-year-old men accused of tying gay student Matthew Shepard to a fence and fatally beating him.

Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney will be tried separately, Henderson in March and McKinney in August. Police believe they lured Shepard out of a Laramie bar on October 7 and beat him because he was gay.

Prosecutor Cal Rerucha said at a preliminary hearing last month that McKinney and Henderson beat Shepard, lashed him to a fence and sought to find out where he lived so they could burglarize his home.

Eighteen hours later, a passing bicyclist who first thought Shep-

ard was a scarecrow hanged on the fence as a Halloween prank soon realized that he had come across the victim of a hideous crime that triggered worldwide outrage.

Shepard was rushed to Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo., where he died October 12.

Twenty-year-old Chasity Pasley, Henderson's girlfriend, pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact to first-degree murder and will be sentenced in February.

Kristen Price, McKinney's 19-year-old girlfriend, pleaded not guilty to the same charge. No trial date has been set.

Investigators say the women threw out bloody clothing worn by Henderson while he and McKinney pistol-whipped and beat Shepard, a small, openly gay freshman at the University of Wyoming. ▼

TWA charges PWA \$150 to breathe, round trip

by Mark Norby

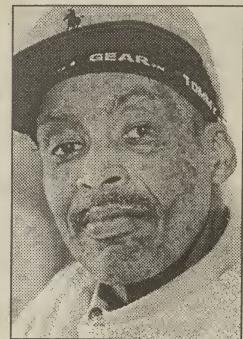
A San Francisco man with AIDS and lung cancer has learned the hard way that — despite the Americans with Disabilities Act — life is more difficult and expensive for disabled people like himself, even during the holidays.

Michael Thomas told the Bay Area Reporter he was surprised to find he had to shell out an additional \$150 to use an airline ticket he received as a gift this fall. Thomas's health condition has kept him in San Francisco General Hospital on and off throughout 1998, and requires him to use oxygen tanks to help his respiration. When a friend gave him a round trip ticket to St. Louis so Thomas could visit his family for Thanksgiving, Trans World Airlines (TWA) refused to allow him to bring along his own oxygen tanks. Instead, TWA insisted he had to use oxygen supplied by the airline — at a cost of \$75 each way.

He wound up paying for his health condition, thanks to another generous friend, and TWA is sticking to a corporate policy that Thomas believes is discriminatory.

A few days before his November 23 flight, Thomas called to make arrangements for bringing his oxygen tanks aboard the plane. "When I called TWA," Thomas told the B.A.R., "I was told that I would be charged \$75 per leg of the trip, or \$150 total. Only a gift [from another friend] allowed me to purchase the oxygen necessary for me to travel."

Before his departure, Thomas had sent a letter to the TWA corporate office, also located in St. Louis, stating that he was being



Michael Thomas

treated unfairly for equipment necessary to his health.

"I had sent a letter stating that to charge me for equipment necessary for my health is discrimination based on the Americans with Disabilities Act," he said. "The day of my return, Mr. [Rick] Simmons from TWA corporate customer relations contacted my social worker [Janis Takamoto] and stated that charging for oxygen is very much in keeping with the American Disabilities Act [sic TWA], that we [TWA] have the ability to do so if we choose to transport passengers who are in need of this kind of assistance."

In a statement to the B.A.R., Simmons claimed "this is not a federal regulation, but TWA does have the right to require passengers to purchase oxygen through the airline."

Brusque...tanks a lot

On the day of his trip, Thomas boarded the plane and discovered that he had been placed at the back of the aircraft. "I was placed

at the back [against a wall] and in a seat that did not recline.

"The flight attendant placed three tanks of oxygen at my feet, without instructions, brusquely telling me that I knew how to use it. I had to figure it out on my own real quick."

Simmons told the B.A.R. that "Mr. Thomas was probably in a seat that was inoperable. That could be why it wouldn't recline. Why he was seated at the back of the plane, I couldn't tell you. But we do deserve the right to indicate who should purchase oxygen through our airlines."

Simmons confirmed that Thomas's social worker had been in contact with TWA and that "Mr. Thomas does have a file with TWA customer relations."

"We really feel that Michael [Thomas] has been treated unfairly," Takamoto told the B.A.R. "He has such a great attitude, he always smiles and makes you feel good. I know he must have been treated unfairly because he's such a wonderful person — not the type that complains."

Thomas is currently in the hospital undergoing further chemotherapy treatments, and is seeking legal counsel through the AIDS Legal Referral Panel about the possibly discriminatory TWA surcharge. "I find this situation extremely distressing," he concluded. "I feel that others should know." ▼

Migden blasts United



Assemblywoman Carole Migden spoke on December 22 at a United Against United rally in the Castro. Jeff Sheehy of Equal Benefits Advocates looked on during her remarks.

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Blue Nitro legal, for now

Press conference on GHB and like-substances to be held in early January

by Mark Norby

San Francisco General Hospital Poison Control Center has completed tests on Blue Nitro and has concluded that it does not constitute a true analogue to the popular, but illegal, drug Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB).

Possession of Blue Nitro or its main ingredient, Gamma Butyl Lactone (GBL) - a precursor to GHB - is, at least for now, not criminal.

Nutrition City Network, Inc. markets Blue Nitro and claims that it "produces exactly the same effect as GHB, guaranteed," company representative James Lindsey told the Bay Area Reporter.

"There have been a lot of products that try to imitate GHB," said Al Abramowitz, epidemiologist at San Francisco's Community Substance Abuse Services. "Blue Nitro is related [to GHB] because its main ingredient is GBL, a paint solvent," he said. "It's hard to believe that this product can produce any of the benefits that it claims to make."

GHB and like-substances allegedly offer the user euphoric, sexually-charged sensations that produce prolonged erection and longer sexual performance capabilities. In addition to these

claims, Blue Nitro reports to be "good for HIV-positive persons," according to Lindsey, "because it induces deep sleep."

"Lofty claims like this are immediately suspect," said Ron McGlashan of the office of public affairs at the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD). "These people who produce these chemicals are preying on the gay population. They're trying to push the right buttons to get people to buy their product."

"If these claims were true, doctors would be prescribing Blue Nitro rather than Viagra and Viracept."

Overdoses from consumption of GHB and like-substances have been on the increase in 1998, according to McGlashan. "We've seen more overdoses from these kinds of liquids than from any other type of drug out there," he said. "The Blue Nitro overdose that happened a few weeks ago

should be treated exactly like a GHB overdose. We at SFPD want this to be a safe new year. We want the New Year's parties to be celebrations, not stupidity."

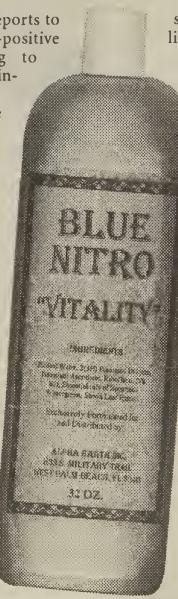
On December 8, a man consumed more than the recommended dosage of Blue Nitro in a Castro shop, then unbuttoned his jeans, threw up on himself, and passed out cold. Staff at the store then called an ambulance, and the paramedics took him to the San Francisco General Hospital emergency room after attempts at reviving him were unsuccessful. He was later released from the hospital.

In addition to reports on overdoses, drug agencies and substance abuse authorities want to heighten awareness by highlighting the recent anti-gay attacks in which victims have reported losing consciousness [see "Anti-gay attack leaves SF man cut, bruised, and branded," and "21-year-old Sacto gay man brutally beaten, left to die," December 10].

"There are too many date rapes where the victim loses consciousness related to drug consumption. So we want people to play safe and be safe," McGlashan said.

"These substances can be dangerous and people need to know that they are playing with fire."

SFPD and the poison control center at San Francisco General Hospital will hold a press conference on the dangers of GHB and like-substances in early January. ▼



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Beds found for homeless queer youth

by Cynthia Laird

Homeless queer youth now have a place to sleep, thanks to the mayor's office and San Francisco Supervisor Leslie Katz. On Wednesday, December 23, an agreement was reached allowing between five and seven beds at Dolores Street Community Services' (DSCS) shelter to be set aside for the young people.

Bob Nelson, DSCS executive director, told the Bay Area Reporter that the arrangement is indefinite, but likely to continue during the winter for several months. "We're excited as always and glad to help," said Nelson.

Youth for the shelter are being referred by the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC). The young people will probably receive additional counseling through that agency. ▼

For more information, call LYRIC at (415) 703-6150.

Kids make out big at Universe



The UCSF Pediatric AIDS/HIV Treatment Center toy drive got a \$15,000 boost from Providian Financial at a special Club Universe event on Dec. 19. Presenting the check to the charity, as Supervisor Mark Leno (right) and Club Townsend owner Audrey Joseph (left) looked on, were Loren Brown (second from left) and Estrella Manio representing Providian. Also contributing to the drive were Virgin Megastore, KMEL, Miller Beer, Golden Brands, Harvey's, and Fete Catering.

Subscriber claims POZ breached privacy

by Mark Norby

A HIV-positive subscriber to *POZ* magazine is angry with the magazine for supplying his name to marketers, breaching his privacy and breaking a confidentiality agreement the company promises to its individual subscribers.

POZ is a monthly publication chronicling the era of HIV/AIDS, and the struggles and advances that go with it in the search for a cure. Chris Daniels of Guerneville, who has been HIV-positive since 1995, says he's been barraged by solicitations since he became a *POZ* subscriber a year ago.

"I only wanted to receive *POZ*," Daniels told the *Bay Area Reporter*, "but there's been a whole lot of other stuff that I receive that ends up junk mail. It's all because of the *POZ* reader response card," Daniels said.

The reader response card available in every issue of *POZ* states that persons who are HIV-positive may request a free subscription, simply by signing and dating on the dotted line at the bottom of the card and returning it, postage paid by *POZ*.

The response card also asks if readers of *POZ* would like to be included on their mailing list, made "available on a one-time basis to other groups."

Appearing to assure discretion, the card asserts "we [POZ] never identify persons by their serostatus." The magazine requires new subscribers who do not wish to receive "discreet mailings" to check a small box, located at the bottom far end of the right corner.

Daniels said, "I checked 'no,' but started receiving literature from drug companies and prescription services companies. I received a lot of information from CPS [Community Prescription Services, a mail-order prescription drugs service headquartered in Manhattan]."

"I never asked for this information and was very upset to all of a sudden get letters and brochures from these companies, trying to get me on their drugs."

Among other solicitations, he received detailed information about the drug Videx. CPS's cor-

porate description of Videx, addressing the subscriber personally, begins "Dear Chris Daniels: For many years Videx (ddl, didanosine) lived in the shadow of its older brother AZT." It went on to claim the retroviral nucleoside analogue is now new and improved with once-daily dosing, improved taste, and is easier on the stomach. "It's not as tasty as a fruit-flavored Tums," reads the letter, "but it's not bad."

Stating that "new HIV treatments are being approved all the time," CPS claims "it's tempting to think that the newer drugs are better than the older ones. But that's not always the case," the company affirms. CPS concludes by stating that Videx "could be an important part of your treatment regimen, especially in combination with Hydroxyurea."

"That information is fine," Daniels said, "but I didn't ask for it and *POZ* is wrong for sharing its mailing list with other companies, against my wishes. They broke confidentiality rules. Another thing, CPS is owned by *POZ*. The two companies have offices in the same building."

Daniels alleges he spoke with a phone representative at CPS and demanded that his name be taken off of their mailing list. He also inquired as to how the company received his address in the first place.

"The phone rep fumbled," he said. "I prodded him into telling me and he seemed confounded by my questions. I think they know what's going on and that *POZ* simply shares its subscriber list with companies it owns or does business with. I know there are many others in the same predicament and who want their privacy respected," he concluded.

The B.A.R. has confirmed that CPS is located at 349 West 12th Street in New York. *POZ* shares that address. A phone representative at CPS also confirmed that the company is co-owned by Strubco, Inc., the owner of *POZ* Publishing, LLC. CCP also owns a pharmaceutical warehouse in Ohio and distributes its mail-order meds through over 35,000 drug stores nationwide.

"Because AIDS isn't over," is the motto of *POZ* magazine. Daniels, wants AIDS to end - and

with it his HIV drug regimens - but knows that there would be no reason for *POZ*'s further publication if that happened.

"If AIDS was over there would be a lot of companies, especially drug companies, that would be out of business," Daniels said. "This disease has big business written all over it."

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The necessity is building

A couple of weeks ago, in the space below, we printed a guest editorial from a man who had suffered through hard times. He described some of the frustrations he felt as a person facing homelessness, at a time when this country has no real plans to address that problem.

In doing so, we inadvertently upset our friends at Metropolitan Community Church-San Francisco: they thought (and some still do) that we intended to single out the church and its volunteers, staff, and clergy for chastisement and humiliation. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The point of printing the guest opinion was to provide a forum for a segment of the community that rarely gets a forum, to show some of the harsh realities of life in our "civilized" society – and to show those ugly truths during the "time of peace on Earth, goodwill to all" and all that. Many of the people who read the B.A.R. know that MCC-SF provides regular dinners for the destitute, and we fear too many of them believe those dinners, and other similar programs, adequately address extant needs. As much as we wish it were so (and as much as our friends at MCC-SF wish it were so) the truth is that homelessness is too overwhelming, too enormous, for that church or any other church to really fill the needs.

Perhaps a brief history lesson is in order here.

When Ronald Reagan was governor of this state, he systematically dismantled programs that served people with physical disabilities, mental disabilities, and substance abuse problems – as many as he could, in fact. He then went on to Washington and carried out his diabolical dismantling on a national scale. By the time he was done, the streets were full of unfortunate citizens who are unable to fend for themselves and who should have been in institutions receiving care. They were followed by thousands of working poor who fell victim to economic policies of Social Darwinism that allowed the president's friends to grow richer but left the poor considerably poorer.

By the time Reagan left office, America had reached new levels of poor children, working poor, and people with all manners of disabilities who slept in their cars if they had them, and on street gratings if they didn't.

Gradually, in the years since then, the country has worked like hell to pay off the hideous deficit the adlibbed Reagan left behind as his legacy, but even with the national debt paid off, politicians and others in positions of power don't seem to feel it is incumbent upon the country to house and feed our poor.

When churches and charitable organizations step in to try to help, like MCC-SF, they are frequently stung with criticism leveled by their clients: people who might rather criticize the government that has abandoned them, but who can't make those complaints heard and therefore complain

where they can be heard. Many, to use a phrase coined by George Bernard Shaw, act like a sinking ship firing on its rescuers. It isn't right, perhaps, to criticize those who help, but it is human nature.

The reality is that MCC-SF's programs, even when combined with every other program in San Francisco, cannot really make enough of a difference to the desperate poor. Hot meals may have the desired beneficial effect for the hour or so before the destitute have to go back to their sidewalk gratings, but it takes governmental care, concern, and support – from the national level down (or up, depending upon your perspective) to the local level – to ameliorate the situation. Everything else is superficial, a Band-Aid.

We've done it again, we suspect: some MCC-SF members will accuse us of accusing them of being superficial. Not so, and we apologize if we hurt anyone's feelings. But if this makes anyone understand that "creating change" by giving quarters to charitable groups is not enough – and will never be enough until the government takes up the slack – we hope those with wounded pride will understand.

On the local level, addressing the problem means building more housing. It's obvious by looking around that San Francisco is a city that can build: Mayor Dianne Feinstein built the downtown canyons and has thousands of offices to attest to her ability to maintain erections (of the steel-and-glass variety, anyway); Mayor Willie

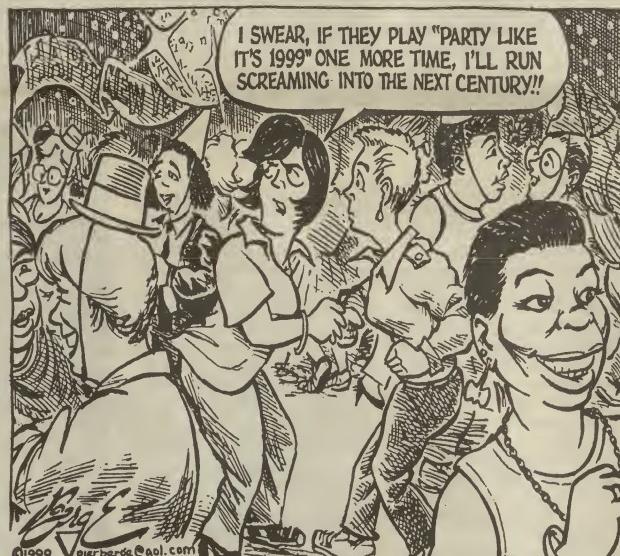
Brown will leave office with two new stadiums as a testament to his edifice complex. But where are the living spaces?

This city needs apartments, flats, and houses a lot more than it needs those ball-parks and offices. As a matter of fact, we think it'd be wholly appropriate to tell Washington to get its damn mint off our hill, that we need that land to build homes, and to stop the stonewalling on the subject of land on the Presidio and Treasure Island – although the enforcement of silence seems to be originating here, rather than in Washington. The question of housing is not theoretical: it is a matter of flesh-and-blood, life-and-death ... and all too frequently, just a matter of death.

The situation will only worsen: last week's fire at the Leland Hotel left another 100 homeless in San Francisco; for many American families "welfare reform" only means they will begin the new year without any money or hope for money, and many of them may come to San Francisco where life is rumored to be easier; and more gay youth will find themselves turned out of their homes with no hope and no direction except, vaguely, west. Expect to see more homeless on our streets, and more visible need for additional homes.

And if it annoys you, don't fall into the trap of criticizing the wrong people. Don't blame the churches that may "attract" the homeless, or the homeless themselves. Blame the "leaders" who are unwilling to lead us out of this awful situation. ▀

Editorial



'Twas the week before Xmas

by Jim Shultz, The Democracy Center On-Line

with apologies to Clement Clarke Moore

Twas the week before Christmas and in Washington, the House Voted impeachment for Clinton, said he was a louse. In the White House the Democrats assembled with care, Proclaiming that partisanship, not reason, was filling the air. Around the nation, the citizens marveled and moaned. "Not six more months of this crap," they complained and they groaned. The pundits, whose wisdom was clear as could be, Said, "Great – millions more will tune-in to watch me." In the Senate, with fanfare they prepared for

a trial, While Clinton, spun calm, with that weird tight-lipped smile.

And on the far right, there continued the clatter.

"He had sex and he lied, a very grave matter."

The nation was torn, over Monica and Bill,

A people transfixed on the president's cheap thrill.

Just then when due process seemed for Bill the most bleak,

Who should we hear come forward and speak.

Bob Dole had suggestions, as did Carter and Ford

On ways to get honor and order restored:

First censure, then whip him, then serve his term out.

The nation be saved, from the A. Johnson route.

By the foursomes, then dozens, the Congressman agreed.

"Let's get this mess over with a little more speed."

And breathing a sigh of relief at the news, Bill and Hillary returned to their regular cues.

Bomb Iraq, blame Saddam, then call for more action,

Nothing works better than a little distraction.

And when history writes of this saga so silly,

What legacy will be cast of the man called "Slick Willie?"

A charmer, a liar, a commander in chief?

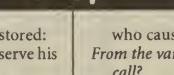
Or just another husband

who caused his wife grief?

From the vantage of history, what will we recall?

"The one who bopped an intern," that's just about all. ▀

Guest Opinion



LETTERS

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Thank you to Mark Norby and the *Bay Area Reporter* for the feature article and coverage of *Donna Sachet's Songs of the Season*. Through the efforts of so many sponsors, contributors, entertainers, and other volunteers, we raised \$5,000 for the AIDS Emergency Fund. Once again our community demonstrated its generosity, especially during this holiday season. Thank you one and all.

Donna Sachet
San Francisco

No United service to Virginia

The following speech was delivered at the "United Against United" rally on December 22 in the Castro. It has been forwarded to United Airlines.

This message is to United Airlines and all companies in America who continue to discriminate against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; you have underestimated our numbers, our influence, and our determination for equal rights in this lifetime.

You could not have erred in a more inopportune time. Our virulent enemies of the fair right are poised for collapse as their hatred and bigotry are being rebuked by the masses. Unfortunately, you have aligned yourself with these evil people and you are now at the effect of our response.

In your defiance to offer domestic partner benefits such as bereavement leave, you strike at the core of our humanity – to deny us the simple act of time to grieve the loss of a loved one.

Our community is affluent, mobile, and networked into every facet of society. This is not just a local boycott. Our queer community draws millions of travelers to San Francisco throughout the year, especially during our annual Pride Parade and street festivals. We also travel and coordinate travel for queer events all over the world, from thousands of leather and drag events to the Gay Games, medical conferences, and business travel.

Each person here today has influence on colleagues, family, and friends. We will use the Internet, our phones and faxes, and most especially our wallets to make our point.

As Martin Luther King stated, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." You have chosen to fight us in San Francisco, but the battlefield we will win on is in the good conscience and compassionate hearts of fair-minded people around the world.

The sooner United drops this discriminatory lawsuit, the less it will have to spend in its struggle to lure back millions of customers.

In closing, remember this. Oppressed people may one day forgive their enemies, but they never forget them. Let the *boycott* begin!

Gary Virginia
San Francisco

Editors and other cunning linguists

As alliances grow among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and "questioning" people, so does interest in any term that might refer to these communities collectively. I believe that one reason for the growing popularity of the word "queer" is that it is increasingly regarded as such a term. Newspaper editors, who are attuned to trends and are bound to use concise language in writing headlines, are understandably interested in the word. Although mainstream news editors might correctly assume that this emerging usage of "queer" has not yet reached critical mass among the general public, the majority of the B.A.R.'s audience seems sufficiently familiar with it for the B.A.R.'s writers and editors to use it.

The latest debate among B.A.R. letter-writers over use of the term is consequently focused not on whether this usage is understood but rather on whether the term is too tainted by its history as an epithet to be otherwise employed. Those who don't associate the word primarily with hate speech, particularly younger people from urban backgrounds, are presumably motivated not by a sense of combative ness but by simple ignorance of the pain some of their elders feel when confronted with the word "queer."

Ironically, by promoting the empowerment and self-determination of the oppressed in the civil rights battles of decades past, the older generation paved the way for the popularization of the non-epithet version of the word "queer." When women asserted that sexist assumptions left them invisible behind the word "gay," the word "lesbian" gained more common currency. As bisexual and transgender people followed suit, the need grew for a new word to serve as the blanket term that "gay" was once imagined to be.

The continuing spread of the new positive incarnation of the word "queer" might have the happy effect of resolving the debate in time; as the new usage replaces the old, bigots will find themselves with one less word with which to express their hatred.

Ben Carlson
San Francisco

Oh, (St.) Mary!

At St. Mary's Medical Center and all CHW Bay Area Region hospitals we make every effort to cooperate with the media. However, our first priority is the privacy and protection of our patients, which I feel were compromised in a story written by *Bay Area Reporter* reporter Mark Norby.

In the story about a patient known as John Doe [Anti-gay attack leaves man cut, bruised, and branded, December 10], Mr. Norby misled your readers by indicating that a St. Mary's physician provided information about this patient, whose case is part of a police investigation, without regard for patient confidentiality. This simply is not true, as Mr. Norby never spoke to this physician.

On Tuesday, December 8, Mark Norby contacted the Corporate Communications Department at St. Mary's to request information about a patient who was admitted as John Doe. This call was referred to me. I returned Mr. Norby's call and left a voice mail message telling him that John Doe was a patient at St. Mary's in stable condition but I could not release additional information because a police investigation was being conducted. I gave Mr. Norby the name and telephone number of a police officer on the case.

In the article published this week, Mr. Norby described John Doe's injuries, along with additional information, which he attributed to St. Mary's physician Dr. Lloyd Johnson. In fact, he quoted Dr. Johnson directly. Again, Mark Norby never spoke to Dr. Johnson. I am the person who has talked to many reporters about John Doe since Friday, December 4 and have released only the information indicated above.

Patient confidentiality at St. Mary's and all of our hospitals is inviolate. Mr. Norby's interpretation of ethical reporting may send a harmful message that compromises the trust our patients and families place in us. Therefore, I request that the *Bay Area Reporter* print a correction about this matter.

Marilyn Diamond
Regional Manager, External Communications
Catholic Healthcare West

[Editor's note: Dr. Johnson's quotes were taken from the police report, which we thought was perfectly evident from the way they were presented in the article. But we are delighted to see any health organization exhibit such concern about patient confidentiality, and are therefore happy to state the obvious for the record.]

Solitary ball games

The article on DES and women by Simon LeVay [Les women, DES girls, December 17] was very welcome. However, though there may be no (known) psychological effects on men, men are at risk for testicular cancer, cysts of the epididymis, and reproductive difficulties. It's a good idea for any man, even if he is not one of the three to six million DES sons born between 1938 and 1972, to do a monthly testicular self-examination. DES Action (www.desaction.org) has information on how to do an exam, and how to investigate your medical history. Men born under the care of physicians (as opposed to midwives) in large cities in the northeast and midwest United States, in Holland, and on U.S. military bases are most likely to have had DES exposure.

Isabel Auerbach
San Francisco

Do you think I'm obnoxious?

The important line in Arthur Evans' letter ["Nomad as hell," December 17] is "...Tom Ammiano used to tell..." the drunk-on-the-bus joke. In 1980 (I was only here for two months, but the event sticks out in memory) I was at a poetry reading in some gallery somewhere in the city. Much wine was had, and one of the listeners, who proceeded to be loud, obnoxious, and so disruptive a fist-fight started. Alcohol and poetry readings don't mix well, but alcohol and poetry go hand-in-hand, whether we like it or not.

Alcohol and destitution of the soul or of the finances aren't a wonderful mix either, and what Ammiano, et al, did with their votes re: drinking in GG Park may outrage Mr. Evans, et al, but do we have the right to change our opinions? Or must we slavishly adhere to whatever we said, jokingly or not, from a stage or at a party or just muttered to ourselves or a friend wherever we were when we uttered the muted words of woe?

Yoiks, when in college I was of the firm belief that Rod Stewart's "Do You Think I'm Sexy" was worthy of a Nobel Prize. Do I still think so? Um...

Thornton Kimes
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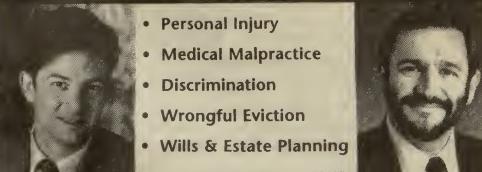
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Church chat

I would like the opportunity to respond to a guest opinion by Anand in your December 17th edition [*'Wake up to Xmas future'*] that I considered to be a very one-sided disparaging article about our local MCC church which I attend regularly. While I do feel heartfelt sympathy towards Anand's plight I feel like he has done a great disservice to the community and put forth misleading information about a wonderful institution.

First I believe he has tried to include us in the group of merchants trying to establish the Create Change/Not Spare Change Campaign. Our leadership has come out against this program in no uncertain terms.

He takes on the church by complaining that the same decor is not in place as 20 years ago. Can you name a place that looks the same as 20 years ago? You can hardly refer to MCC as a Cathedral; the sanctuary has always seemed rather bland to me. But then, that's not the reason I attend. He also seems to find something disturbing about the congregation having grown many times in size over the years. I find that a reason to rejoice. The robes the clergy wear seem to offend him, even though he admits to owning a closet of Versace, Armani, and Ralph Lauren. I find that very odd. The statement about the choir being as choreographed as a Broadway floorshow with floodlights was so ridiculous it doesn't even deserve comment.

Then he finds it amazing that someone in the congregation of (his words) "members who have been blessed with real estate quadrupling in value" could not offer him an apartment for \$500 a month. While I do know a few members who are fortunate enough to own their own home, for the most part, I am certain, we are a congregation of renters like most of the city. One of our pastors admits they can't afford to live in the Castro and shares an 800-square-foot dwelling with three other people far away from the Castro, hardly living in the lap of luxury! I wonder if Anand is aware that most subsidized housing in the city have waiting lists at least two years long, but somehow since we are a church we are supposed to magically come up with housing for him. I too have placed an ad for housing on our bulletin board with no results, which I didn't take to mean that the congregation is uncaring.

He also takes offense that we are trying to raise money for a new building as we have outgrown our current facilities. Anand, are you aware that MCC is currently the closest thing to a community center that gay people have in this city? Do you have any idea how many groups use our facilities for their meetings, with absolutely no question about their religious convictions? AA alone has many meetings every week there. Do you know that we sponsor the music and art programs at Harvey Milk Academy and also provide tutors there? Our Simply Supper program feeds around 100 homeless people three nights a week, yet you are angry that because you showed up late the food was depleted. I apologize that we can't be a 24-hour diner open at your convenience. Then you have the audacity to make a remark that one of the servers, whom you assumed was clergy staff, looked like (your words) "a \$5 bill was a tip for the valet who parks her car while she toys with a \$20 plus lunch." I have some shocking news for you, none of our clergy makes enough to pay for \$20 lunches and those that actually have a car have to scramble for parking just like the rest of us. Knowing them, I don't even think they would feel comfortable paying for a \$20 lunch even if they could afford it. I also see nothing wrong in taking pride in your appearance, and apparently neither did you with your designer labels.

Anand also infers that he and his friend are the only ones who ever demonstrated for gay rights and that they earned the rights that members of our congregation are now enjoying. That's funny as I seem to recall that every time there is a march for social justice for any cause, not just gay rights, our church is right out there in front participating. Apparently he doesn't read newspapers or watch television news. You were also dismayed that no one came up to you after services and offered compassion for your problems. Did you hear many other people asking for help during community prayer? Do you expect someone to be able to pick you out of a crowd of 150 people afterwards? I'm sorry that you didn't feel capable of seeking a clergy member out, they certainly don't run and hide after services.

Then for you to infer that if you had been a (your words again) "buffed young porn actor" you might have received more attention was the ultimate BS. Did you look around you when you were seated in church? I don't recall more than a handful of people that have gym boas, and does taking pride in your health make you a bad person? If you had bothered to notice you would have seen every body shape and style possible, my own potbelly, thinning hair included! We have parishioners of every socio-economic and ethnic background imaginable, a fact that makes me very proud.

I have never attended a church that has challenged me more to take part in the society around me. I have increased my charitable giving 100 percent since

starting to attend MCC. We constantly barrage legislators with phone calls and letters when an important social issue comes up and like I said before, it more often than not concerns a group other than gays. We also host speakers to educate us and the community about these topics and concerns. A constant barrage of sermons challenges us as gay people to be more militant and politically active and socially aware. It's not just talk; there is action to follow up every time. There is a constant stream of workshops sponsored by and held at MCC that deal with everything from health to legal issues.

I started attending MCC when I was going through the break-up of my 10-year relationship. Needless to say, it was a devastating time for me. I immediately found comfort, compassion, and love within those walls. Volunteer clergy prayed with me personally after services and inquired of my healing over the many long months afterward. As I healed I experienced true Christian spirit and immediately realized from what was presented to me that there are many, many people in dire need out there who needed our support in many ways. Every time there is a need I step forward with my checkbook and make a contribution and I am far from a wealthy person. This evolution has helped my own self-esteem tremendously and now I feel like a healthy contributing member of society. I would challenge you to find a group that reaches out like MCC does.

I am truly sad that you couldn't find one nice thing to say about MCC. Perhaps you have let your problems fit you with blinders and you only see what you want to see. I do have a question for you Anand, you said that you experienced fellowship and comfort 20 years ago when you once sought out MCC and only recently returned. I am wondering where you were those in between years when you were living high with a view and a housekeeper and designer clothes and the church needed you?

I extend a personal invitation to you to come again to MCC and please ask someone to point me out and I will welcome you with open arms and personally introduce you to our pastoral staff.

Kirk. R. Coleman
San Francisco

MCC reaffirms its mission

In response to [*the December 17*] guest opinion, MCC is glad to welcome everyone to worship services and programs, and to respond to the needs that visitors bring to our attention. We serve meals on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. When guests come later than 5 p.m. we are unable to provide meals. We also distribute meals at the Tuesday night Prevention Point site.

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[For our thoughts on the subject, see the editorial on page 6.]

Rent control makes it worse

I agree that the lack of Christian human compassion that Anand reports is disappointing. As to his need for cheap temporary housing, however, his problem is made worse by the fine print of rent control.

Briefly, I'm told that rent control and just-cause evictions apply even within a unit, where an existing tenant takes in a roommate, or lover, or someone temporarily down on his luck. The person who takes you in becomes your landlord, even if they are a tenant too. Not only would your rent be fixed (and subject only to rent control increases even once you're back on your feet), that "temporary" stay becomes permanent as long as you continue paying the (cheap) rent. It's near impossible for that existing tenant to evict someone (a roommate who turns out to be from hell, a lover who becomes an ex, a friend who overstays) as long as that someone is paying the fixed monthly rent – the tenant's only option is to move, regardless of how long they've lived there.

The situation is a little better if your host/landlord owns the unit. Rent control still applies to the monthly rent, but now an "Owner Move In" eviction is possible (even though the owner already lives there!), but even that is costly and can take months.

I believe in rent control, and these protections make sense when a landlord is renting to two (or more) roommates, but they must make an existing tenant think twice about subletting a part of the unit.

Anand also claims that "Most of the [MCC] members have been blessed with real estate quadrupling in value over the years." I suspect that most MCC members, like "most" San Franciscans, are renters. Also, after 14 years my apartment in the Castro has about doubled in value. Quadruple! I wish!

John Atteridge
San Francisco

POLITICS

Support for Clinton censure grows in Senate

by Wayne Friday

The very first item that the U.S. Senate (55 Republicans, 45 Democrats) will take up when it returns to Washington the first week in January is how to handle the impeachment that the House of Representatives handed them of President **William Jefferson Clinton**. The president and his White House operatives are said to be frantically seeking some kind of "bipartisan solution" to an impeachment trial in the Senate. A move in that direction came late last week when New York's highly respected Senator **Daniel Moynihan**, an influential voice among Senate Democrats, suggested that he would favor censure of the president, thereby avoiding a prolonged and expectedly bitter Senate trial.

Moynihan, one of the first Democratic senators to publicly criticize Clinton's behavior and his lying to the country about it, told reporters last week that a "strong censure of the president" would be preferable to a trial and that moves to oust Clinton threatens to "very readily destabilize the presidency." Some of the more conservative GOP members of the Senate are likely to hold out for a trial, but other "moderate" members of the Republican-controlled Senate are reportedly holding meetings and telephone conversations before they return with their Democratic counterparts, in hopes of working out a bipartisan approach to a censure deal acceptable to both the Republican leadership in the Senate and the White House.

For their part, Clinton operatives are taking a deferential approach, leaving the mechanics of the hoped-for censure deal up to the members of the Senate and trying hard to avoid the appearance of White House interference in deliberations that are solely the prerogative of the Senate.

It would take a two-thirds vote — or 67 of 100 senators — to remove the president from office; with 45 Democrats and 55 Republicans, at least 12 senators from Clinton's party would have to vote against him to reach the necessary number of 67, a scenario few see as realistic. However, Democrats once thought that enough GOP members would vote with them to avoid impeachment of the House, though most of those Republican members eventually voted to do just that.

Many in Washington will tell you quietly that they expect a censure deal to be worked out within days after the Senate returns on January 6, but no one is willing to take bets on it.

Politics and people

Among *Time* magazine's year-end "Winners & Losers of '98": Rep. **Barney Frank** "may be Congress's own Oscar Wilde — charming and likable even when his words cut deep"; Bill Clinton — "Is he a great man wronged by partisans, or is he a fool betrayed by his own urges?" (I'd say it depends on what your definition of "is" is); **Linda Tripp** — "The

Lewinsky scandal is tearing America apart, but on one issue, people are united: Tripp is the worst friend since **Brutus**."

If not for the fact that *Time* does not consider someone who is deceased for its Person of the Year, **Matthew Shepard**, who was viciously murdered in Wyoming this year, would have easily won the *Time* honor; according to the magazine, Shepard was far and away the top vote-getter, easily outdistancing the named winner(s) Bill Clinton and **Kenneth Starr**.

When **Gray Davis** takes office on January 4 he will become California's first lieutenant governor to become governor since 1953 when **Goodwin Knight**, a Republican, replaced incumbent **Earl Warren** after Warren was named to the U.S. Supreme Court; the January inaugural of Davis and Lieutenant governor-elect **Cruz Bustamante** will mark the first time in 20 years that Californians will have a governor and lieutenant governor of the same party.

Don't look for Republican actor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** and his wife **Maria Shriver** among the H'wood celebs at the Davis inaugural; Arnold will be in Minneapolis on the same day attending the inaugural of **Jesse "The Body" Ventura**. Minister



Jesse "The Body" Ventura

nesotans are said to be already giving their new Reform Party governor-elect approval ratings of 70 percent, and he hasn't even taken office yet. What do I think of Governor Ventura? I like the guy — he's an acknowledged political amateur, an admitted conservative on fiscal matters, and a "progressive libertarian" on issues such as abortion and gay rights (Can the Democrats recruit this guy?)

Dan Lungren, speaking to reporters last week in Sacramento about his losing gubernatorial campaign, blamed his huge defeat on his unsuccessful get-out-the-vote effort and an aggressive absentee ballot program, his belief that he didn't get fair play from television news programs, and the "very, very effective and well-organized union effort" on behalf of the Democratic statewide candidates. Lungren sneered at his own Republican Party critics who contend that his campaign, which Lungren insisted in overseeing

daily, was so poorly managed that it dragged down all of the party's candidates in the state.

Quentin Kopp is said to be lobbying — hard — for a San Mateo judge if one opens up before Davis takes over January 4; Superior Court Judge **James Brownning, Jr.** is apparently retiring December 31 and Kopp wants that as a payback for supporting Republicans like Lungren, **Matt Fong**, and others — while still pretending to be a political "Independent."

Former San Francisco District Attorney **Arlo Smith** is already being urged by longtime supporters to run for district supervisor in 2000.

To paraphrase **James Carville**, *Hustler* magazine publisher **Larry Flynt** is only showing us what one can find when you drag a million dollars across Capitol Hill; Flynt has reportedly offered that amount to anyone who can verify sexual scandals on any of a number of congressional members who are after Bill Clinton's political ass. (Move over **Mike Huffington** — Flynt is reportedly ready to "out" at least one sitting U.S. Senator.) At least Flynt is using his own money on digging up sexual dirt, unlike that of Starr's \$50 million of *taxpayers'* bucks spent on the same cause.

While we're on the subject, a New York writer reports that in what she apparently thought was a cute gesture, Monica Lewinsky bought a couple dozen of the "Bill & Monica's Titanic Adventure" novelty T-shirts sold in Times Square souvenir shops, autographed them, and gave them to her close girlfriends as joke Christmas gifts. The shirts feature Clinton and the First Intern perched on a boat, a la **Leonardo DiCaprio** and **Kate Winslet**. Are you laughing yet?

San Jose Mayor **Susan Hammer** leaves office next week as one of that city most popular political figures; City Hall regulars will tell you Mayor Hammer "hasn't an enemy in the world" — surely, voters will be hearing more from this lady in the future.

Birds of a feather: **David Duke**, the hateful former Klansman from Louisiana, has announced he will seek the New Orleans-area House seat soon to be vacated by the almost-Speaker **Bob Livingston** (you know, the guy who voted to impeach Clinton only minutes after announcing he would leave Congress for bedding a half-dozen women other than his wife); Mr. Duke should feel quite at home in the GOP-controlled Congress with the likes of **Trent Lott** and **Bob Barr**, both of whom are increasingly tied to a white supremacy group, the "Council of Conservative Citizens."

The Quote of the Week goes to Harvard law professor **Alan Dershowitz**, whose comments to Barr during the impeachment hearings led to the revelation about Barr and Lott being so close to the white supremacists. Dershowitz, in the city recently to talk about his new book *Sexual McCarthyism*, said, "This is a story of two men who are obsessed about forbidden sex — Clinton about engaging in it and Starr about exposing it."

Please have a safe New Year's Eve, and a prosperous and healthy 1999 to you all. ▼



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by David Bianco

This week in gay history: The Kinsey Institute's *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* is published January 3, 1948.

The Kinsey Report stands as the most famous study of American sexuality ever published, and the name "Kinsey" itself has become synonymous with sex. Gay activists have used the report to place the number of homosexuals in the population at 10 percent, and the phrase "1 in 10" is now part of gay culture. But what Alfred Kinsey, who himself had a complex sexual life, actually found was different from what passed into gay lore and popular belief.

The world would never have had a *Kinsey Report* if Alfred Kinsey (1894-1956) had followed his first career goal: to be a pianist. Fortunately, Kinsey liked nature as much as he did music, and in college he turned toward the field of biology. He specialized in taxonomy, the classification of organisms by category; his doctoral dissertation examined thousands of gall wasps. After being hired as a professor of zoology at Indiana University, Kinsey continued his cataloging of wasps over the next

two decades — a painstaking process that prepared him for his next, and more famous, research interest, human sexuality.

It was in the late 1930s that Kinsey's interests turned toward the study of sex, a taboo topic in his Victorian-era youth. Although he was aware of his same-sex desires as a boy, Kinsey married Clara McMillen, with whom he had four children. Rebellious against the sexual silences with which they'd been raised, Kinsey and his wife were straightforward with both their children and neighborhood kids about sexuality. In addition, Kinsey advised his students to come to him with questions, since so many of them, even the married ones, had only a rudimentary understanding of sex. He began studying scientific literature on sexuality in order to help his students and to liberate himself from the guilt he felt about his own sexuality (which included, one biographer has suggested, a preference for S/M).

When Kinsey first offered a "Marriage and the Family" class in 1938, most of the 100 students enrolled were women looking for information that had never been available to them. Only in 1937, for example, did the American Medical Association sanction the supplying of advice on and means of birth control to patients. Students soon flocked to Kinsey's office with questions and concerns and, in turn, voluntarily answered his questions about their sex lives, becoming his first case studies. Kinsey broadened his sample by interviewing friends, former students, and his own wife about their sexual experiences. Then, after developing a system that

would insure his participants' anonymity, Kinsey ventured out into the field.

In the summer of 1939, he made forays into Chicago's gay subculture. Through personal contacts, he initially interviewed 60 gay men about their sexual behavior. Kinsey also collected materials that he hoped would shed light on homosexuality, like diaries, love letters, photo albums, and collections of erotic artwork. His experiences in Chicago helped him reconcile his own sexuality, and over the next few years, he continued to interview many more men in gay gathering places like bars and bathhouses.

Until 1941, Kinsey's research was all self-financed. By securing support from the Rockefeller Foundation, Kinsey was able to expand his efforts and create the Institute for Sex Research at Indiana University. Criss-crossing the country, Kinsey and three other researchers (one of whom, Clyde Martin, was briefly the lover of both Kinsey and his wife, Clara) collected case histories of 5,300 white men. The data were subsequently analyzed in an 804-page tome, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*, published by W.B. Saunders, a medical press, on January 3, 1948.

The entire study was unparalleled in its frank discussion of topics such as masturbation and extramarital sex, with an entire section devoted to Kinsey's findings on homosexual behavior. Thirty-seven percent of the men interviewed had had an adult homosexual experience ending in orgasm; four percent considered themselves exclusively homosexual; and one in eight men (rough-

ly the 10 percent figure) had been predominantly homosexual over a three-year period.

For a country starved for frank information about sexuality, the *Kinsey Report*'s graphic language made the book a one-handed read and an instant bestseller. The publisher originally printed a modest 5,000 copies, but demand for the book forced Saunders to go back for a second printing of 180,000 copies within two weeks. The "Kinsey scale" (one to six, with one being exclusively heterosexual, and six exclusively homosexual) became a household phrase.

Five years later, Kinsey published the second volume of his research, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*, another popular hit. In a sample of 5,900 women, the figures on same-sex activity were lower than for men but still astonishing. Thirteen percent had had a same-sex experience to orgasm; two percent were exclusively lesbian; and six percent had been predominantly lesbian over a three-year period.

Kinsey's two reports ushered in modern ideas about sexuality. In addition, his studies were noteworthy because they called for acceptance of different forms of sexual behavior, even those considered to be "fringe." Although his statistics on homosexuality were misquoted as the famous "1 in 10" figure, his research suggested that lesbian and gay sexual activity was fairly widespread. In this way, Kinsey had a profound impact on the birth of the gay rights movement. In the early 1950s, activists founded the first (lasting) lesbian and gay rights organizations, and Donald Webster Cory's book, *The Homosexual in America*, used Kinsey's findings to argue that homosexuals constituted an oppressed minority. ▼

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MEDIA ALERT

Bergen Record: Who's netting who?

by Liz Tracey, GLAAD
publications manager

In the December 14 edition of the *Bergen Record*, reporter Debra Lynn Vial examined the dangers to young lesbian, gay and questioning teens posed by predators on the Internet in "Gay teenagers are easy prey for online stalkers."

The article pointed out that while the Internet has acted as a lifeline for many lesbian, gay, and questioning teens, it can also place them at risk from predatory adults who then may exploit them sexually, sometimes assaulting them physically. Unfortunately, while all young people are at risk from pedophiles online, who may pose as other young people, gay teens may be at a particular risk oftentimes they are isolated and need support, trusting anyone who gives them affirmation, and if a crime is committed, they are less likely to report it because it may involve disclosing their sexual orientation.

Vial talked to law enforcement officers, advocates for online safety, and young people themselves, and also profiled a gay adult who poses as a young person to entrap pedophiles and knock them offline. Vial finished by noting how difficult it is at this point to capture and prosecute these criminals: the cases can prove daunting to document, and insufficient staffing of computer crime divisions may hinder investigation.

While the article presents the reality of how important the Internet is for young people who may not have local youth groups, publications, or even a friend in whom they can confide, Vial unfortunately did not confront the stereotype of lesbians and gay men as "predatory" adults who recruit children. Her silence on the issue may allow this myth to go unchallenged.

In addition, the article's portrayal of the net as a frightening place filled with child stalkers overshadows the substantially constructive, community-building aspects of the Internet. Finally, in the writer's "Tips for keeping children safe on the Internet," (all of which certainly make sense) there is no acknowledgement of the needs of lesbian, gay, or questioning youth who might feel uncomfortable using a computer situated in a heavily trafficked area of their house, or may be afraid (with good cause) of having their sexual orientation revealed.

Please write to the *Record* and let them know your opinion of their article.

Contact Vivian Waiel, Editor, *The Record*, 150 River St., Hackensack, NJ 07601-7156, fax: (201) 646-4135, e-mail: newsroom@bergen.com

MAMM – lesbians and breast cancer

In the December/January issue of the magazine *MAMM*, Liz Galst examines, with clarity and depth, the numbers on lesbians and breast cancer, deflating some of the widely-held beliefs about the risks for lesbian women, and illuminating some of the reasons

why hard accurate data is hard to come by.

Galst quotes the frequently-cited statistic that one in three lesbians will develop breast cancer. She traces back the origin of this figure, finding that a reporter who took the citation of one in nine of all women and then figured that lesbians being at two- to three-times greater risk would then result in a figure of one in three. The writer then looks at the scarcity of specific research on lesbians and breast cancer – much of the data was derived from drawing comparisons with other studies.

She also addresses the fear that being lesbian is in and of itself a risk factor, writing that while various factors may increase risk – child-bearing history, individual weight, and alcohol consumption, for example – these are not endemic to a particular population or sexual orientation.

What may prove even more problematic is the reluctance by

many members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community to seek medical care due to perceived, and according to studies very real bias against them in the medical profession. (This less-frequent access of health care may increase the mortality rate for lesbians from breast cancer, but may not in fact demonstrate a greater risk of contraction.)

Galst ends the article by examining current ongoing studies being conducted to ascertain the real correlation between lesbians and breast cancer, what those correlations are, and then how to utilize this information to target outreach based on particular behaviors that may increase risk.

Please write to *MAMM* and thank them for an invaluable piece of reporting on the very real epidemic facing women, and how lesbians need to be included in the research if the fight against breast cancer is to be won.

Contact Jennifer Hsu, Managing Editor, *MAMM*, 349 West 12th St., New York, NY 10014-1796, fax: (212) 675-8505, e-mail: letters@mamm.com ▼

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Castro red light runners cough up green

by Ron McGlashan

The busy intersections of Castro and Market and Castro and 18th have proven to be a gold mine for the Department of Parking and Traffic. There have been a number of people who have "donated" \$225 to the city coffers as a result of getting caught running red lights. People should drive with caution and watch when the traffic lights change, stopping on a yellow rather than trying to run the red. This is not just good economic advice; bad as it is to put your cash into the coffers, it's much worse for your loved ones to put you into a coffin.

Stolen property increase in the Castro

For the second week in a row, a number of stolen property reports have been made regarding property stolen from bars in the Castro area. The incidents of theft usually increase with the arrival of colder weather, so keep an eye on those jackets and secure your vehicle when you go out to party or shop.

Panhandling activities increase in the Castro

The homeless population is at an all-time high in the area. The cold front is partially to blame, as is the closing of Civic Center Plaza. If you encounter any problems with aggressive activity, report the situation to the beat officers in the area.

Strong-arm on Sutter Street

Thursday, December 9, 8 p.m., 1900 block of Sutter: A woman reported to officers at the Northern station that she had been attacked

on Sutter Street by four young men. As they approached her, one of the men told her not to move. She tried to escape and the man grabbed her gym bag and fled down Sutter Street. The bag contained \$400 in cash and goods. No suspect was found.

Theft in men's room on GG Bridge

Tuesday, December 15, 12:30 p.m., on the Golden Gate Bridge:

While using the toilet in the men's room by the Golden Gate Bridge, a visitor from Thailand had his backpack stolen by the person in the next cubicle. The suspect ran out of the men's room, followed by the victim in hot pursuit. The victim's girlfriend joined in the chase as the suspect fled the area in a Toyota. The backpack contained return tickets to Thailand for the victim and his girlfriend.

Auto boost on Eddy Street

Wednesday, December 16, 11 p.m., Larkin and Eddy streets: A

man returned to his vehicle and discovered that the vehicle had been broken into, and a total of \$300 worth of tools and other items had been stolen from the car. A police report was made. Police advise that you make sure to park your vehicle in an area that is well lit late at night. This area, along with the Tenderloin and the Western Addition, has encountered a record high for auto boosts during December.

Unsafe outside Safeway

Wednesday, December 16, 4 p.m., 1335 Webster Street: An elderly

woman called police to her home to report a strong-arm robbery. The woman, who walks with a cane, was attacked outside of the Safeway market on Webster Street. A young man ran up to her and grabbed her handbag and ripped it from her shoulder. The woman feared for her life because the suspect threatened further harm to her if she said or did anything. The bag contained \$60 in

cash and several credit cards. No suspect was found.

Armed robbery on Polk Street

Wednesday, December 16, 11 p.m., 100 block of Polk Street: A man was approached by a person as he got into his car at the end of his work shift. A man walked up to the victim and opened the driver's door and pointed a hand gun at the victim. The suspect ordered the victim to give him his wallet and watch. The victim feared for his life and complied with the suspect's demands. The police were called and a report was made. Due to poor street lighting, the victim couldn't get a description of the suspect.

Outage outrage on O'Farrell

Monday, December 21, 2:30 p.m., 800 block of O'Farrell: A person who lives in the area apparently made history during the power outage December 8, it was reported on December 21. During the victim's stay in southeast Asia, his apartment had been burglarized. When he returned to his unit, he found his laptop

computer, a police scanner, and several other items missing. The police investigated and took a report. When asked if anyone had access to his apartment, the victim explained that he recently had a guest stay in his home. The guest, known as "Steve," lives in the same building. An investigation showed that during the absence of the victim, the apartment had been lived in. There was a bottle of red wine in the refrigerator and candle wax all over the carpet. During the blackout, it would appear that the suspect was in the unit. A call from Macy's was reviewed by officers and it was noted that the Macy's credit office had asked "Steve" to authorize a jewelry purchase valued at \$500. ▼

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man didn't act surprised when they told him the money was counterfeit. Instead, he reached into his pocket, pulled out real money, paid for the coffee, and left without taking back his counterfeit bill.

The phony bill was possibly a photocopy of real money, according to the San Francisco Patrol Special Police. The suspect is believed to be 5 feet 11 inches tall with a medium build, between 30 and 40 years old.

The San Francisco Patrol Special Police is a service paid for by the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro (MUMC). The patrol is on duty Sunday through Wednesday between 3 and 11 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday between 6:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. ▼

by Mark Norby

Manager Rusty Powers of Tita's restaurant on 17th Street in the Castro had his suspicions about a customer confirmed on December 22, when the man attempted to pass a counterfeit bill.

Powers said the man, described

as an adult white male dressed in dark sweats and aviator sunglasses, aroused his suspicions even before handing him a folded \$10 bill to pay for a coffee. When the feel of the paper immediately tipped Powers off that it was fake, he and Tony Lee, the restaurant's owner, checked the bill with a counterfeit-detecting pen to verify that it was fake.

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January 9; 4 p.m.
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Out on the Island
January 11; 7 p.m.
City of Alameda's gay community action group
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Location/info: (510) 337-1300

Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club
January 11; 7:30 p.m.
Location/info: (415) 522-3809

Oakland HIV Health Services Planning Council
(Alameda, Contra Costa counties)
January 13; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(Meets 2nd Wednesday)
Council's PWA Committee
January 15;
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Location/info: (510) 763-9711

HIV Prevention Planning Council
January 14; 28; 3-6 p.m.
Unitarian Church,
1187 Franklin at Geary
(Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday)
For committee meetings,
call (415) 554-9000

Queer Latino Political Action Committee (QL PAC)
January 14; 6:30 p.m.
Women's Building
3543 18th Street
(Meets 2nd Thursday)
Info: (415) 648-3702

LGBT Advisory Committee SF Human Rights Commission
January 19; 5:30 p.m.
25 Van Ness Avenue
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Info: (415) 252-2500

LGBT Community Center Project Board
January 20; 7 p.m.
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Info: (415) 437-2257

Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA)
January 21; 7 p.m.
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January 25; 4:30 p.m.
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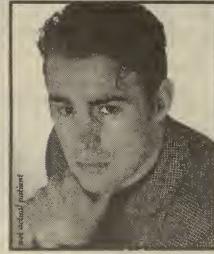
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POZ founder Sean O'Brien Strub returned calls to the B.A.R. stating that the sharing of the company's mailing list "was a mistake. We are very diligent," said Strub, "about not giving out confidential information. The only company that could have received the mailing list would be CPS, because POZ and CPS share staff members. We are very sorry about the problem and have taken measures to correct it," Strub concluded. ▶

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Mayor's letter to Clinton about AIDS ignores gays

Follow-up does mention LGBT community

by Cynthia Laird

Mayor Willie Brown sent a letter to President Bill Clinton requesting support for increased funding for HIV/AIDS through the federal Ryan White CARE Act earlier this month, but failed to mention the group most affected by the disease in San Francisco. Although the city's Department of Public Health (DPH) figures show gay men or men who have sex with men account for 79.5 percent of the city's total AIDS cases as of September, Brown never mentioned them in his letter.

Instead, the December 12 communication to the White House pointed out that the AIDS epidemic is increasingly affecting younger people and communities of color, particularly African-Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans.

Bill Barnes, the openly gay AIDS policy advisor to Brown,



Bill Barnes

drafted the letter and told the Bay Area Reporter that he apologizes for the apparent oversight.

"The letter was written at the request of the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium," Barnes said on Monday, Decem-

ber 28. "The mayor has always mentioned gay and bisexual men. I apologize. Our efforts were to focus on communities of color and young people, consistent with other national groups."

The local consortium is a coalition of nine nonprofit community health centers, including the Castro Mission Health Center.

The letter also singled that clinic out for praise - "Their culturally competent services ensure that Latinos, including immigrants with limited English proficiency, receive necessary primary and HIV specialty care," it said - but misidentified it as the "Mission Neighborhood Health Center," eliminating the word "Castro."

The letter also describes Health Initiatives For Youth (HIFY) as having a variety of programs, but omitted any mention of HIFY entering into a collaboration with DPH and other community-based organizations in July to open the Dimensions Clinic for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth. The clinic is held every Thursday at the Castro Mission Health Center where, among other health services, it offers primary care services and HIV testing.

Gay AIDS activist Michael Petrelis isn't happy with the omission of gay and bisexual men in the mayor's letter. "I think the omission is unequivocal proof of how explicitly AIDS in America has been de-gay-ified," Petrelis said in an e-mail message he distributed with a copy of Brown's letter. "If San Francisco's Democratic mayor can turn to D.C. for more federal AIDS funding and not mention gays with AIDS once, I wonder how other less 'friendly' mayors deal with gay and AIDS when they approach Clinton."

In addition to the city's 79.5 percent figure representing AIDS cases among men who have sex with men, gay or bisexual men who are injection drug users (IDU) account for 10.7 percent of the city's AIDS cases, making for grand total of 90.2 percent of the AIDS cases in San Francisco, Petrelis added. He got the figures from DPH's AIDS surveillance report issued in September.

Dear Bill: P.S.

In response to inquiries from the B.A.R., the mayor issued a second letter to Clinton dated December 28. In the supplemental letter, also drafted by Barnes, the mayor stated that AIDS significantly affects the gay and bisexual male and transgender communities. "In the first nine months of 1998, gay and bisexual men comprised 70.7 percent of newly diagnosed AIDS cases. Gay and bisexual male injection drug users represented an additional 10.6 percent, for a total of 81.3 percent," the mayor's second letter stated. "Estimates of HIV prevalence in San Francisco provide additional insight into the impact of the AIDS epidemic in the gay community. While overall prevalence of HIV is an estimated 2 percent, or one in 50, the estimated prevalence of HIV infection among

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Gays not in USA's 'Healthy People'

by Bob Roeher

The Clinton administration has virtually ignored gays and lesbians in putting together the nation's health blueprint for the next decade.

The report is "Healthy People 2010," an update of the nation's first decade-long document on America's health goals, which expires in 2000. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) describes it as "the basis for monitoring and tracking health status, health risks, and use of prevention services."

Dr. Fred Fox, public policy director of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA), said the goal of Healthy People 2010 is "eliminating health disparities, primarily among racial and ethnic minorities." He was "shocked" that "gays and lesbians are left out as a minority."

One GLMA member conducted a keyword search of an electronic version of the 800-page draft document. He found the word "gay" used twice; "lesbian" and "transgender" did not appear at all.

Even in the context of HIV/AIDS, "We appear as the category of 'men having sex with men,' and the word 'gay' is never used," Fox said. "That is an interesting case of where we have a place at the table but it is a funny one, they can't even speak our name."

Lott pathologies

"The feeling that I have from reading the document," Fox continued, "Is that gays and lesbians don't exist, or if they do, it is in the Trent Lott context of pathologies."

Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), charged, "Healthy People 2010 fails to address homophobia in the health-care and medical research communities that has both limited ac-

cess to care and blocked the development of solutions to health-care problems for gay and lesbian Americans."

"The good news is that it is a draft," she said. "The bad news is that [this is from] an administration, and a department in particular, that has been so responsive to the gay and lesbian community. I was disturbed by the lack of recognition of our unique needs."

Areas of concern include HIV/AIDS, questions of increased health risk for breast and cervical cancer for lesbians, domestic violence, and the needs of gay youth.

Caitlin Ryan, co-author of the recent groundbreaking book *Lesbian and Gay Youth: Care and Counseling*, called the ignoring of gay and lesbian health concerns "a major problem for a long time."

Ryan believes that a major study by the Institute of Medicine, on setting a research agenda for lesbian health concerns, should begin to resolve some of these issues. That report was due out this past summer but has been delayed, she believes it is largely due to turnover in senior staff at the institute.

Where was the community?

A question must be asked of the organizations that represent the gay and lesbian community before our government: Where were you?

A HHS fact sheet noted that Healthy People 2010 was written over a period of months, "with members of the Healthy People Consortium, an alliance of over 600 national membership organizations representing professional, voluntary, and business sectors, and state and territorial public health, mental health, substance abuse, and environmental agencies." Gay and lesbian groups were not among them.

The draft document was available for public comments from September 15 to December 15.

AIDS treatment cost \$6.7B in '96

United Press International

A national survey shows the cost of treating AIDS was about \$6.7 billion in 1996, an annual average of \$20,000 per patient.

The researchers, led by the California think tank RAND Health, Santa Monica, found that most of the patients getting medical care for AIDS were at an advanced stage in the disease.

The findings from the HIV Cost and Service Utilization Study are published in the December 24 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The study team says as many as two-thirds of the estimated 650,000 to 900,000 people infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, get no regular treatment.

Just over a quarter of a million Americans were treated for AIDS in the first two months of 1996. The scientists estimate that about 335,000 HIV-infected adults are getting some form of treatment every six months.

The scientists say the cost of treating the disease in 1996 represents about one percent of total direct healthcare expenditures in the United States.

They found the patient population was disproportionately male, black, and poor. Nearly half had annual incomes below \$10,000. Few had private medical insurance, with about 70 percent relying on public programs or personal assets to pay for their care.

Compared to the general population, the AIDS patients were about three times more likely to be covered by Medicaid and nine times more likely have Medicare coverage. ▼

Public meetings were held in Washington and five other cities during that time. Yet the first warning from community organizations that there were problems with the document came only on December 9, a few short days before the comment period closed.

Ben Schatz, executive director of GLMA, said, "They [HHS] have an outreach process, and we weren't in it. If they had done no outreach to the Latino community, people would be outraged. The burden is on them, it is their responsibility to reach out to us."

He pointed to very limited resources within the gay and lesbian community. "How many people are doing queer health stuff?" Schatz asked. "Virtually none. We are light years behind the work being done on HIV."

GLMA will soon hire only their second policy person. HRC has one health policy person, who focuses primarily on HIV. The National Lesbian and Gay Health Association has virtually collapsed, and no longer has paid staff.

Schatz learned of the draft of Healthy People 2010 only in November, through work on the Presidential Council on HIV/AIDS. He saw to it that newly hired policy director Fox made GLMA's concerns "widely known" at the regional meeting held in Seattle on December 3. The organization also filed formal comments.

Stachelberg said that HRC "had staff out on campaigns until the middle of November." Upon return, "they turned to the report and we filed our comments." She said they only went public "when we got our comments together." She hopes that the final draft will be changed so that it "represents the entire health needs of the American people."



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A last look back at '98

Part II: July - December

by Cynthia Laird

Bay Area gays and lesbians, like most Americans, seemed to get busier in the second half of 1998 than in the first six months. The year may well be remembered for its midterm elections, occurring in the midst of Congressional impeachment fever; voters were supposed to be furious at the president enough to oust dozens of Democrats from Washington, but they surprised pundits by evicting more Republicans from the House of Representatives. Locally, that election also resulted in a gay president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, for the second time in history.

It may also be remembered as the year that the brutal death of Matthew Shepard finally forced America to understand the problem of gay bashing, and the first time in the AIDS epidemic that the *Bay Area Reporter* had no obituaries for a week.

July

The rainbow flags that had adorned Market Street during June for gay pride month had barely been taken down when the Pride Committee revealed that **counterfeit checks** totaling nearly \$29,000 were written on the account of the San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Celebration Committee between June 19 and July 7. Police were called in and the investigation quickly led to San Jose, where the fake checks were allegedly negotiated. The checks were a "totally different color," and committee officials immediately spotted the bogus checks when the bank statement arrived.



Convicted killer Josh Puckett

Fledgling teen model and *XY* coverboy **Josh Puckett's** murder trial in Contra Costa County Superior Court was declared a mistrial by Judge James Marchiano after the prosecution played an inadmissible portion of Puckett's videotaped police confession. Puckett, 18, confessed to bludgeoning 29-year-old Vitaly "Steve" Poliakov to death in September 1997, but said he did it to fend off repeated aggressive advances that he characterized as sexual assault. The taped confession contained a reference to Puckett's participation in the robbery of a 7-Eleven store that had been ordered edited out. The defense claimed it was intentional; prosecutors called it a mistake. After the mistrial was declared in the Puckett case, several jurors talked with the *Bay Area Reporter*, making it clear the prosecution would have had an uphill battle to win a conviction. Jurors



Jane Philomen Cleland

Rainbow banners adorn the Castro in August.

thought Puckett presented a good image in court, although a few were leaning towards the prosecution.

By the end of July, it appeared prosecutors in the Puckett case were throwing in the towel in the Puckett case and heading toward some kind of plea bargain.

On July 7, gay security guard Kevin Holt sued his employer, **Personal Protective Services**, claiming anti-gay harassment. According to the complaint, Holt said workers at the company, which was the subject of investigations after being hired by the San Francisco Housing Authority, made a variety of homophobic comments in the workplace and over the company's radio, such as "bitch boy," "fag boy," and "homo Holt." Holt was terminated from the company in May for tardiness and described his period of employment as "verbal torture on a daily basis."

The Oakland City Council approved recommendations that would allow people needing **marijuana for medical purposes** to possess up to 24 ounces of the drug at any one time.

San Francisco Supervisor Gavin Newsom proposed a **nighttime entertainment district** for the South of Market District.

Supervisor Mabel Teng announced the renaming of a one-block alley of Myrtle Street between Van Ness Avenue and Polk Street as **Alice B. Toklas Place**, after the lesbian lover of Gertrude Stein. Gay Supervisor Tom Ammiano was not invited, fueling speculation that Teng was snubbing him because both were in the running for the presidency of the Board of Supervisors in the upcoming election.

A collaboration of city agencies and community-based nonprofits launched **Dimensions**, a hip health clinic for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth on July 2. The clinic operates every Thursday at the Castro Mission Health Center.

The Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) hosted its third annual **Young, Loud, and Proud Leadership Conference** in the city July 10-12.

Continuum HIV Day Services was awarded \$700,000 from the Department of Public Health's AIDS Office for its Tenderloin Care-2 collaboration to provide a range of integrated services to people living with HIV/AIDS around the Tenderloin. Continuum's William D. Glenn an-

nounced he'd resign as executive director effective December 31.

Lesbian Pam David was tapped by Mayor Willie Brown to be interim director of the **Mayor's Office of Community Development**, which oversees the distribution of about \$40 million in various funds to nonprofits throughout the city.

Lesbian Toni Young was elected a community co-chair of the city's **HIV Prevention Planning Council** (HPPC) on July 9.

Gay attorney **Tom Steel** died at the age of 48 from complications related to AIDS.

The HPPC was told on July 9 that Bay Area men who have sex with men are using **crystal methamphetamine**, or speed, at near-epidemic proportions.

A record crowd turned out for **AIDS Walk San Francisco** in Golden Gate Park July 19. Most of the proceeds went to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF), which also selected some of the other community organizations, and Washington D.C.-based groups. The nonprofit Tides Foundation selected most of the beneficiaries.

In mid-July, SFAF decided to eliminate its **Vida y Movimiento** program serving HIV-positive Latinos. The cut left Vida's clients, most of whom are monolingual Spanish speaking, without ready access to services. SFAF said the reason Vida was scrapped was because the agency failed to receive funding, though at approximately \$189,000, the program represented only a fraction - 1.1 percent - of SFAF's reported annual budget of \$16.7 million.

Supervisor Mark Leno called on **NationsBank** to keep employment and nondiscrimination policies of Bank of America, which was swallowed up by the North Carolina bank in a merger.

Stop AIDS Project held a forum on the issues surrounding **gay men and Viagra** on July 28.

Gay athletes from the Bay Area and around the world started heading off to Amsterdam for **Gay Games V**.

August

Gay Games V got underway in Amsterdam amid financial scandal and the abrupt departure of the director, Marc Janssens.

Rainbow flag banners were hung in the Castro, thanks to funds collected by the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro (MUMC).

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- In a separate, ongoing landmark study, over 90% of the 31 patients receiving CRIXIVAN, AZT, and 3TC reduced their HIV serum viral load below the limit of detection after 24 weeks (as measured by available tests; the virus may still be present in other organ systems).
- Importantly, the limited number of patients who chose to stay with the study for longer periods of time maintained these results through the one year mark.

■ CRIXIVAN is generally well tolerated.

- CRIXIVAN can be taken with a light meal or on an empty stomach. There are side effects associated with protease inhibitors in general and CRIXIVAN in particular. Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN may develop kidney stones. For some, this can lead to more severe kidney problems including kidney failure. Drinking at least 6 glasses of water each day may help reduce the chance of forming a kidney stone. Other side effects reported include rapid breakdown of red blood cells and liver problems. There are some common medications and AIDS-related medications you should not take with CRIXIVAN. Discuss all medications you are taking or plan to take with your doctor.
- As with other protease inhibitors, increased bleeding in some patients with hemophilia and increased blood sugar levels or diabetes have been reported. Please read the following page for detailed information on side effects and dosing.

Please read the following page for more detailed information about CRIXIVAN.

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What is CRIXIVAN?

CRIXIVAN is an oral capsule used for the treatment of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). CRIXIVAN is a type of HIV drug called a protease (PRO-tee-ahse) inhibitor.

How does CRIXIVAN work?

CRIXIVAN is a protease inhibitor that fights HIV. CRIXIVAN can help reduce your chances of getting illnesses associated with HIV. CRIXIVAN can also help lower the amount of HIV in your body (called "viral load") and raise your CD4 (T) cell count. CRIXIVAN may not have these effects in all patients.

CRIXIVAN is usually prescribed with other anti-HIV drugs such as ZDV (also called AZT), 3TC, ddC, or d4T. CRIXIVAN works differently from these other anti-HIV drugs. Talk with your doctor about how you should take CRIXIVAN.

CRIXIVAN has been studied in adults. The safety and effectiveness of CRIXIVAN in children and adolescents have not been established.

How should I take CRIXIVAN?

There are six important things you must do to help you benefit from CRIXIVAN:

1. Take CRIXIVAN capsules every day as prescribed by your doctor. Continue taking CRIXIVAN unless your doctor tells you to stop. Take the exact amount of CRIXIVAN that your doctor tells you to take, right from the very start. To help make sure you will benefit from CRIXIVAN, you must not skip doses or take "drug holidays." If you don't take CRIXIVAN as prescribed, the activity of CRIXIVAN may be reduced (due to resistance).
2. Take CRIXIVAN capsules every 8 hours around the clock, **every day**. It may be easier to remember to take CRIXIVAN if you take it at the same time every day. If you have questions about when to take CRIXIVAN, your doctor or health care provider can help you decide what schedule works for you.
3. If you miss a dose by more than 2 hours, wait and then take the next dose at the regularly scheduled time. However, if you miss a dose by less than 2 hours, take your missed dose immediately. Then take your next dose at the regularly scheduled time. Do not take more or less than your prescribed dose of CRIXIVAN at any one time.
4. Take CRIXIVAN with water. You can also take CRIXIVAN with other beverages such as **skim** or **non-fat** milk, juice, coffee, or tea.
5. Ideally, take each dose of CRIXIVAN without food but with water at least one hour before or two hours after a meal. Or you can take CRIXIVAN with a light meal. Examples of light meals include:
 - dry toast with **skim** or **non-fat** milk and sugar if you want
 - corn flakes with **skim** or **non-fat** milk and sugar
 Do not take CRIXIVAN at the same time as any meals that are high in calories, fat, and protein (for example — a bacon and egg breakfast). When taken at the same time as CRIXIVAN, these foods can interfere with CRIXIVAN being absorbed into your bloodstream and may lessen its effect.
6. It is critical that you drink at least six 8-ounce glasses of liquid (preferably water) throughout the day, every day. CRIXIVAN can cause kidney stones. Having enough fluids in your body should help reduce the chances of forming a kidney stone. Call your doctor or other health care provider if you develop kidney pains (middle to lower stomach or back pain) or blood in the urine.

Does CRIXIVAN cure HIV or AIDS?

CRIXIVAN is not a cure for HIV or AIDS. People taking CRIXIVAN may still develop infections or other conditions associated with HIV. Because of this, it is very important for you to remain under the care of a doctor. Although CRIXIVAN is not a cure for HIV or AIDS, CRIXIVAN can help reduce your chances of getting illnesses, including death, associated with HIV. CRIXIVAN may not have these effects in all patients.

Does CRIXIVAN reduce the risk of passing HIV to others?

CRIXIVAN has not been shown to reduce the risk of passing HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

Who should not take CRIXIVAN?

Do not take CRIXIVAN if you have had a serious allergic reaction to CRIXIVAN or any of its components.

What other medical problems or conditions should I discuss with my doctor?

Talk to your doctor if:

- You are pregnant or if you become pregnant while you are taking CRIXIVAN. We do not yet know how CRIXIVAN affects pregnant women or their developing babies.
- You are breast-feeding. You should stop breast-feeding if you are taking CRIXIVAN. Also talk to your doctor if you have:
- Problems with your liver, especially if you have mild or moderate liver disease caused by cirrhosis.
- Problems with your kidneys.
- Diabetes
- Hemophilia

Tell your doctor about any medicines you are taking or plan to take, including non-prescription medicines.

This medication is prescribed for a particular condition. Do not use it for any other condition or give it to anybody else. Keep CRIXIVAN and all medicines out of the reach of children. If you suspect that more than the prescribed dose of this medicine has been taken, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

This provides a summary of information about CRIXIVAN. If you have any questions or concerns about either CRIXIVAN or HIV, talk to your doctor.

Can CRIXIVAN be taken with other medications?**

Drugs you should not take with CRIXIVAN:

SELDANE® (terfenadine)	HISMALAN® (astemizole)
VERSED® (midazolam)	HALCION® (triazolam)
PROPULSID® (cisapride)	Ergot medications (e.g., Wigraine® and Cafergot®)

Taking CRIXIVAN with the above medications could result in serious or life-threatening problems (such as irregular heartbeat or excessive sleepiness).

In addition, you should not take CRIXIVAN with rifampin, known as RIFADIN®, RIFAMATE®, RIFATER®, or RIMACTANE®.

Drugs you can take with CRIXIVAN include:

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Talk to your doctor about any medications you are taking.

What are the possible side effects of CRIXIVAN?

Like all prescription drugs, CRIXIVAN can cause side effects. The following is not a complete list of side effects reported with CRIXIVAN when taken either alone or with other anti-HIV drugs. Do not rely on this page alone for information about side effects. Your doctor can discuss with you a more complete list of side effects.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN developed kidney stones. In some of these patients this led to more severe kidney problems, including kidney failure or inflammation of the kidneys. Drinking at least six 8-ounce glasses of liquid (preferably water) each day should help reduce the chances of forming a kidney stone. Call your doctor or other health care provider if you develop kidney pains (middle to lower stomach or back pain) or blood in the urine.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN have had rapid breakdown of red blood cells (hemolytic anemia) which in some cases was severe or resulted in death.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN have had liver problems including liver failure and death. Some patients had other illnesses or were taking other drugs. It is uncertain if CRIXIVAN caused these liver problems.

Diabetes and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) have occurred in patients taking protease inhibitors. In some of these patients, this led to ketoacidosis, a serious condition caused by poorly controlled blood sugar. Some patients had diabetes before starting protease inhibitors, others did not. Some patients required adjustments to their diabetes medication. Others needed new diabetes medication.

In some patients with hemophilia, increased bleeding has been reported.

Clinical Studies

Increases in bilirubin (one laboratory test of liver function) have been reported in approximately 10% of patients. Usually, this finding has not been associated with liver problems. However, on rare occasions, a person may develop yellowing of the skin and/or eyes.

Side effects occurring in 2% or more of patients included: abdominal pain, fatigue or weakness, flank pain, feeling unwell, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, acid regurgitation, loss of appetite, dry mouth, back pain, headache, trouble sleeping, dizziness, taste changes, rash, upper respiratory infection, dry skin, and sore throat.

Swollen kidneys due to blocked urine flow occurred rarely.

Marketing Experience

Other side effects reported since CRIXIVAN

has been marketed include: abdominal swelling; inflammation of the kidneys; increased fat appearing in areas such as the neck, abdomen, and back; change in skin color; severe skin reactions; hair loss; crystals in the urine; and allergic reactions.

Tell your doctor promptly about these or any other unusual symptoms. If the condition persists or worsens, seek medical attention.

How should I store CRIXIVAN capsules?

- Keep CRIXIVAN capsules in the bottle they came in and at room temperature (59°F–86°F).

- Keep CRIXIVAN capsules dry by leaving the small desiccant "pillow" in the bottle. Keep the bottle closed.



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Montali ruled August 3 in favor of a San Francisco man who sued the man he calls his ex-husband, for sexual battery. Montali ordered Alan Louis to pay Mychael Robinson \$25,000 for exposure to HIV, even though the plaintiff was not infected.

Robert Driscoll and Jeffrey Rehg filed a complaint with the U.S. Park Police after an August 1 incident in which both were unnecessarily questioned while sitting in their car. Among the more bizarre aspects of the incident, they claimed, was questioning by Officer Tyrone Williams of Rehg about what drugs he was taking after Rehg hesitantly admitted he took medications for AIDS.

On August 5, it was revealed that a recent incident of alleged forgery prompted the AIDS Emergency Fund (AEF) to go with a new check software program. While the dollar amount was only \$325, agency officials decided to invest in the new program to prevent future incidents.

It was announced August 6 that Wells Fargo Bank reimbursed the Pride Committee \$28,928.82 charged to the committee's account through an alleged counterfeit check scheme.

On August 6, Project Open Hand was awarded \$1 million in contracts relinquished by the Salvation Army after that organization said it could not comply with the city's equal benefits ordinance.

The air smelled sweet and pungent at 1444 Market Street on August 6 when Dennis Peron and friends moved out of the former Cannabis Healing Center for good. Peron's remote Lake County pot farm was raided again on August 14 by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

On August 13 Oakland city officials designed agents at the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative as officers of the city. The move was to protect workers at the Oakland club in an ongoing federal lawsuit.

The big news at the B.A.R. was that there were no obituaries in the August 13 issue, a first since the AIDS epidemic exploded in San Francisco's gay community. That didn't mean there were no AIDS deaths during that time. Nonetheless, after more than 17 years of struggle and death, and some weeks with as many as 31 obituaries printed in the gay weekly, it was welcome news.

Three of the city's gay political clubs skirmished in August after an incident involving Supervisor Teng and an alleged statement she made on a Chinese radio station, referring to fellow board member Supervisor Ammiano as "that homosexual supervisor," when she was interviewed about the city budget. The Harvey Milk Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Democratic Club called on Teng to remove herself from sponsoring the Toklas street renaming project. The Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club accused the Milk Club of blowing the incident out of proportion. The Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) entered the fray and

launched an investigation into the matter.

One week later, Teng and Ammiano had cleared the air over the incident. GAPAC concluded after a word-by-word translation of the broadcast that Teng actually said "the gay supervisor." Ammiano stated, "We both acknowledged that culture and social dynamics can be tricky and a two way street.... We look forward to a positive campaign."

Three gay men from San Francisco, Aaron Anderson, Marc Deising, and Anderson's lover, faced felony charges that their lawyer called politically motivated after they visited the Whitehall Lane Winery in Napa and wound up in a brief scuffle with winery owner Thomas Leonardi.

Josie's Cabaret and Juice

Joint owner Ron Lanza told the B.A.R. that he put up the cabaret up for sale. Lanza said he's caught the performance bug after seeing so many acts take the stage over the years.

Gay architect John Lum joined the 28 members of the board of directors for the Friends of Recreation and Parks, a non-profit organization committed to protecting and enhancing the city's parks.

A three-alarm fire on August 16 destroyed the Eleven restaurant and bar, one of the South of Market's better known eateries. Damage to the establishment, owned by gay businessman Edward Petrillo, was estimated at \$1.6 million.

A San Francisco judge ruled that two people, Lamarr D. McCoy and Trinette M. Pinson, stand trial for the assault on a Muni bus of Rosanne Ellen Gervais. The Micmac Indian lesbian was visiting San Francisco from Canada on December 12, 1997 when she was allegedly attacked on a 30 Stockton bus. The incident left Gervais with physical and emotional injuries.

Talks between San Francisco officials and airlines over implementation of the city's equal benefits ordinance broke

The money was the amount a coalition of anti-gay groups paid to have its ad promoting a "cure" for homosexuality run in the San Francisco Examiner.

The Streisand Foundation awarded a \$15,000 grant to the San Francisco-based Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). The money went toward the group's HIV public policy initiative.



Christopher Arnesen

Christopher Arnesen, a New Zealand citizen and permanent U.S. resident who has been barred from the U.S. for the past four years on the basis of his HIV-positive status, returned to San Francisco and went before investigators of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

Gay man Carlos Costa was paid \$45,000 by the San Francisco Community College District to settle his claim of HIV discrimination. Costa claimed he lost his job as a library technical assistant at City College after he innocently thanked his supervisor for letting him have time off when he was sick of had a medical appointment.

Josh Puckett was offered a plea bargain that could allow him to walk free by the time he's 28.

September

Some in the LGBT community in San Francisco and elsewhere started questioning the Millennium March being organized by the Human Rights Commission and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

United Airlines filed suit in federal court seeking a preliminary injunction to keep it from having to provide some benefits to its employees with domestic partners. United's action made it the first passenger airline to fight the landmark equal benefits ordinance. A new group, Equal Benefits Advocates formed in September to make the LGBT community aware of what they called "homophobic" actions on the part of United Airlines.

Lesbian Annette Brands, executive director at San Francisco-based Project Inform, announced she will resign in February.

After eight years leading local HIV/AIDS prevention efforts targeted at men who have sex with men, Stop AIDS Project's Dan Wohlfeiler announced he's resigning to begin working for the state health department's sexually transmitted diseases branch in Berkeley.

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East Bay Pride's second annual slew of gay pride events kicked off with an awards dinner in Oakland. The Gay Mardi Gras was held September 26 under rainy skies, but a good time was had by all.

The controversy over the San Francisco AIDS Emergency Fund organization's interrupted service to **Sonoma County** was settled in September, as an agreement was reached to have AEF help the AEF/Sonoma County Coalition set up a similar operation in the North Bay.

While **Josh Puckett** took his time making his decision to accept a plea bargain in the death of Vitaly "Steve" Poliakov, Puckett's accomplice, **Mardy Kisner** talked with the B.A.R. Kisner confessed to police that he helped Puckett dispose of Poliakov's body in a creek in Atascadero, San Luis Obispo County in 1997. On September 11, Puckett accepted a plea bargain and was sentenced to 13 years, eight months. He pleaded guilty to burglary and involuntary manslaughter with the enhancement clause for the use of a deadly weapon. Days before Puckett agreed to accept the plea bargain, jail authorities secretly recorded him planning an escape with another inmate.

Mendocino County Judge Cindee Mayfield ruled September 8 to withdraw murder charges against one suspect in the May 2 killing of **Louis Pearson** near Ukiah, and ordered a second man to stand trial for murder of the 44-year-old Aptos man. The murder charge against Keith Pruitt, 25, was withdrawn by the judge,

who ordered another suspect, Rick Fernandez, 24, to stand trial for murder. According to an autopsy report, Pearson was beaten to death. Pearson had come north to attend a Billy Club gathering.

Leaders from many faiths united in a religious service on September 15 in support of **lesbian and gay couples** who are denied the civil right of marriage. The new schematic design for the **LGBT Community Center Project** was unveiled; the CCP's board of directors held a series of community meetings in September to get input on the revisions, which include the historic Fallon Building.

A draft report by the **Human Rights Commission** prepared in January sustained charges of gender discrimination against New Leaf Services for Our Community. However, no final report has been issued on the charges, filed by a former substance abuse counselor over a dispute that began in October 1994.

The owners of **I Found It!**, a San Francisco antique and consignment store, were evicted from

their Market Street premises on September 11, following a lengthy legal battle. Still unresolved are possible legal actions against the two men, Kevin Esposito and Gregory Silva, who comprise the limited liability corporation, Pyramid Partners, involving alleged bad checks written to people who thought their items had been sold.

A gay East Bay resident, **Kenneth Jeffress**, filed suit September 9 against Family Restaurants, Inc., the parent company of the **El Torito** restaurant in Concord, alleging sexual orientation discrimination and sexual harassment by his former employer.

UCSF AIDS researcher, Dr. **Jay Levy**, had an article published in which he questioned treating HIV with antiviral drugs too early, saying that could work against the patient's natural immune system and do more harm than good.

October

On Monday, October 12, the day after National Coming Out Day, gay University of Wyoming student **Matthew Shepard** died



The Matthew Shepard memorial rally in the Castro, organized by LYRIC, on October 12, 1998.

from major injuries he suffered six days earlier after being beaten and left for dead tied to a fence post, allegedly by suspects Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney, who were arrested and charged with the crime. Their girlfriends were charged with being accessories after the fact. Shepard's death sent shock waves throughout the country as the news made

national headlines. In San Francisco, vigils and community meetings were held to help people deal with the aftermath of such a horrific crime. Hundreds of people gathered at Castro and Market streets for an impromptu vigil Monday night, another one was held October 15, and marchers walked to the Loading Dock bar, where gay city resident **Brian**

Sacramento in '98

by M.R. Richards

A look at the legislative "package" of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and HIV/AIDS related bills for the past session of the California Legislature would show a few good wins and some heartbreaking losses. Some of those losses were inflicted after good, humane legislation was passed by both houses of the Legislature, only to be lost to the presidential ambitions of a prideful man, Governor Pete Wilson, who was pandering to religious zealots who control his party and hold his aspirations hostage.

For instance, **AB 1099** would have subsidized medications for Medi-Cal recipients so they would be able to return to work and still access life-saving drugs such as protease inhibitors. It was vetoed.

AB 501 would have guaranteed restoration of Medi-Cal benefits to children with autism, schizophrenia and other disabilities because their eligibility was limited by the 1996 federal welfare reform bill. Vetoed.

AB 760 would have required HMOs and health insurers to establish an independent review process for all Autologous Bone Marrow Transplants (ABMT) and other breast cancer treatments. Vetoed.

AB 967 would have authorized the Director of Health Services to request, but not require, a local Title I jurisdiction under the federal Ryan White CARE Act to contribute federal funds to the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). Vetoed.

AB 2612 – Saved the creation of Caesar salad, thanks to salaried Carole Migden, and was signed into law.

Unfortunately, **AB 1059**, which required healthcare insurers to offer business owners the same coverages for employees with domestic partners as those who are married, was vetoed.

AB 1999 clarified current hate crime law and stipulates that such laws include crimes against persons because of gender, gender identity or perceived gender or gender identity. It was signed into law.

AB 2156 would have extended the filing time for all labor code complaints by workers, including discrimination complaints, from one month to one year. It was vetoed.

AB 1663, the unique identifier bill which would assist epidemiologists and still maintain patient confidentiality, was vetoed.

SB 1385, which allowed HIV testing of unconscious patients, was signed into law.

SB 705 criminalizes intentional transmission of HIV. Signed into law.

AB 1208 updates CAL-OSHA regulations for workers exposed to needle sticks. Signed into law.

SB 844 creating an AIDS red-ribbon special interest license plate. Signed into law.

AB 1052, which mandated that AIDS drug formularies in Medi-Cal fee for service and Medi-Cal managed care plans be the same so that people who are moved into managed care plans can still access life-preserving treatment, was vetoed.

AB 818, which required Medi-Cal managed care plans to ensure that patients with HIV are given treatment consistent with federal guideline, was vetoed.

Other bills died in committee; some of them were real losses like **AB 1667**, which provided patients who were denied care by their HMOs to have that denial reviewed by an independent review organization whose decision would be binding on the HMO. Senate Concurrent Resolution **SCR 47** – a resolution against hate crimes – died in committee. But then again, **SB 484**, which would have prohibited the California State University and University of California systems from offering domestic partner benefits to their employees, also died in committee.

SB 1506 – A Family Leave Act that would have allowed unmarried people (partners or siblings) to take unpaid medical leave to take care of a terminally ill loved one – died in the Senate, as did **SB 841** which would have required employers (government contractors) to provide the same benefits for domestic partners as for married employees.

The above is just a small cross-section of the bills which, for good or ill, moved through the Legislature this past year, and in so doing affected our lives, hurt our feelings, outraged, amused, or otherwise engaged us in our strange struggle for survival.

Legislators and staff members assure the LGBT community that some of the vetoed bills will be resubmitted. People will have to wait and see – this time, this year and on into the millennium they say people can expect to see some changes, some crucial victories.

While it's devoutly to be wished that the best is yet to come – that the LGBT community will have the happiest of new years – Mark Twain's observation to stay alert still rings true, because "It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native American criminal class except Congress." Undoubtedly the adage also applies to Statehouses.

Looking at some of the legislators and the mean-spirited tactics the LGBT community's allies and advocates have had to deal with over this past year, another Twain quote comes to mind: "Man is the only animal that blushes ... or needs to." ▼



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For more information about these studies please call Mark Bowers at 415-353-6215. HIVCare is a non-profit, community-based clinical trial program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital.

Wilmes was murdered in March. **Community United Against Violence** (CUAV) celebrated its 19th anniversary and honored volunteers at a benefit October 13.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Department investigated a **dou-ble slaying** in Monte Rio when the bodies of Horst "Hans" Grahmann, a wealthy and controversial gay bar owner, and his employee Jason Blore, were found at Grahmann's home. Authorities were tight-lipped about their investigation. Grahmann owned the Rainbow Cattle Company, a popular Guerneville bar.

The number of documented cases of **domestic violence** among LGBT relationships increased by 41 percent between 1996 and 1997, a new report released by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs concluded. CUAV's Greg Merrill said the report shows LGBT people reported incidents of domestic violence more in 1997 than they did in 1996.

Shanti, the 25-year-old community agency that provides emotional and practical support for people living with AIDS, announced plans to move its Market Street offices to the **Project Open Hand** building on Polk Street. Both agencies hope to benefit from the move.

Dolores Street Community Services (DSCS) celebrated 15 years with a reception October 5. The agency provides a variety of services, including a homeless program serving the Mission and Castro areas and a licensed facility providing supportive housing for people living with AIDS who were previously homeless.

Ben Schatz, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, announced his resignation October 7; he'll leave in March. Schatz said he wants to spend more time managing the vocal group, The Kinsey Sicks, a drag group, of which he is a member.

The city lost a round in the ongoing battle to get **United Airlines** to provide some benefits to domestic partners of its employees; on October 7, U.S. District Court Judge Claudia Wilken granted United's request for a preliminary injunction, meaning the current situation will be maintained at least until January, when the city will argue for a summary judgment in an effort to get the airline to comply with the equal benefits ordinance.

The demise of the LIFE Lobby gave birth to a new organization. The **California Alliance for Pride and Equality** (CAPE) was inaugurated at a meeting in San Francisco.

The New Conservatory The-

atre in San Francisco, presents gay-themed performance pieces involving on-stage nudity, but management drew the line at paintings by Visual AIDS artist Barbara Cooper. Executive Director Ed Decker ordered three of Cooper's paintings removed in October.

The **Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative** closed its doors October 19 under orders of a federal judge. The next day, the Oakland City Council declared the lack of medical pot a public health emergency.

An openly gay, HIV-positive man, Torrance Antoni, filed a lawsuit in San Francisco Superior Court alleging HIV discrimination and invasion of privacy while an employee of **Nine West Group, Inc.**, purveyors of women's shoes and handbags.

Corey Randle-Oulette, an HIV-positive gay man, filed suit against **Oracle Corporation**, a worldwide software company, alleging HIV discrimination and wrongful termination.

The **Human Rights Commission** acknowledged it has no jurisdiction over several entities, including the Housing Authority, school district, City College, Transportation Authority, and others.

The news came to light when HRC sent a letter to a gay man to inform him that it had no jurisdiction over his complaint of gay discrimination against his former employer, the Housing Authority. In response to the news that the San Francisco Transportation Authority does not fall under the purview of HRC and does not follow the provisions of the equal benefits law, Supervisor

Mark Leno introduced legislation to extend the contracting provisions of Chapter 12b of the city's administrative code to the transportation body.

Representatives of the **San Francisco Unified School District** quickly recalled and planned to destroy teacher training manuals that defined homosexuality, bisexuality, and transsexuality as "deviant lifestyles" after inquiries from the B.A.R.

The **Fallon Building** was designated a landmark when Mayor Brown signed legislation October 9.

After interviewing New Zealand citizen and permanent U.S. resident **Christopher Arnesen** for five hours over two days and then making him wait a month for a decision, the Immigration and Naturalization Service informed the long-term AIDS survivor that it will continue to argue that he abandoned his status as a U.S. resident.

Full Circle, a new independent, nonprofit mental health and

substance abuse services agency, opened its doors in the Castro.

Republican U.S. Senate candidate **Matt Fong** was caught trying to play both sides. After it was revealed in late October that Fong gave \$50,000 earlier in the year to the Reverend Lou Sheldon's anti-gay, ultra-conservative Traditional Values Coalition, Fong signed a statement of support for a number of gay rights issues. It was too little, too late, the San Francisco chapter of the Log Cabin Republicans yanked its endorsement of Fong.

November

Supervisor **Tom Ammiano** became the second openly gay president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors after he easily beat Supervisors Mabel Teng and Gavin Newsom and was the top vote-getter on November 3. Supervisor **Mark Leno** held onto his seat on the board. Openly gay City College Trustee **Lawrence Wong** was also re-elected. Over in Berkeley, openly gay City Council member **Kriss Worthington** was re-elected. Democrat **Gray Davis**' election as California's next governor was also very good news for the LGBT community.

The final court chapter in the murder case against **Josh Puckett** ended; Puckett's former pal, **Mandy Kisner**, 24, was sentenced to two years in prison in connection with the death of Vitaly "Steve" Poliakov. With credit for time served and good behavior, Kisner will likely go free in four months.

Edgard Mora, charged in the March death of gay city resident **Brian Wilmes**, was ordered to stand trial for murder. During a

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preliminary hearing in San Francisco Municipal Court November 16 and 17, Judge Ellen Chaitin heard testimony from several witnesses who testified that Mora uttered variations of the phrase, "Do you want a piece of me, faggot?" at least four times during the attack. Wilmes died outside the Loading Dock, a gay bar on Mission Street, after Mora allegedly punched him once in the face and he fell backwards, hitting his head on the pavement. Members of San Francisco's LGBT community were largely absent from the preliminary hearing, while Mora's family members filled one side of the courtroom.

Calvin Gipson was elected the new president of the **Pride Committee**. Also in November, the Pride Committee overwhelmingly voted for "Proud Heritage, Powerful Future," as the theme for 1999 gay pride.

Ken Bukowski was hired as the new executive director at **AIDS Benefits Counselors Positive Resource Center**.

Santa Cruz attorney Melinda Whiteway was the first openly transgender person to be elected co-chair of the **National Lesbian and Gay Law Association**.

The **Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund**, which filed a brief in support of the city against United Airlines, hosted a luncheon for donors November 18 at the downtown San Francisco law offices of Brobeck, Phleger, and Harrison – the lead attorneys for United Airlines.

The **National AIDS Memorial Grove** turned down a \$5,000

in-kind donation from United Airlines, citing the passenger airline's refusal to implement the city's equal benefits law.

The **Horizons Foundation** announced it had donated its one million dollar this year to Bay Area LGBT organizations.

Latina lesbian lawyer Maria Gil de Lamadrid received the **National Multiple Sclerosis Society's** prestigious Achievement Award at a luncheon November 14.

Lesbian transgender minister the Reverend Vicki Kolakowski was installed as senior pastor of **Metropolitan Community Church of the New Vision** in Walnut Creek on November 15.

Lesbian AIDS activist and former medical assistant **Peggy Ferro** died at the age of 49.

Gay activists poured **Coors** beer down the sewer in front of Harvey's bar in the Castro to protest the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's ac-

ceptance of \$110,000 from Coors over the next two years.

Shadow Morton, a San Francisco transgender activist, was named one of four recipients of the annual **Stonewall Awards** for achievement on behalf of the LGBT communities. The prize was a \$25,000 grant.

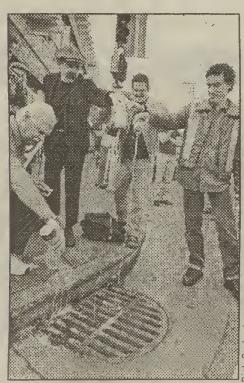
Steven Billing, a gay bell captain at the **Fairmont Hotel**, filed a lawsuit against the business after complaining of intolerable working conditions at the hotel. The suit alleges gay discrimination, sexual harassment, and wrongful termination.

Dana Van Gorder, the Department of Public Health's **coordinator of LGBT health services** for the past four years, held his first-ever public meeting November 23 to report on his activities and take input from the community.

Gay bartender Rick Raymen was allegedly **attacked by a Yellow Cab driver**, Anthony Quinley, on Halloween night. Later, the B.A.R. learned that Quinley was sacked by the DeSoto Cab Company for assault on a pedestrian before he was hired by the Yellow Cab Company.

Residents in the Castro were upset that a new "**Postal Retail Store**" at 18th and Diamond streets was primarily a commercial venture. While customers could purchase Bugs Bunny key chains, they couldn't pick up packages, for that they had to travel an additional 18 blocks to the post office at 15th and Bryant streets.

Friends of Hans Grahlmann, who was murdered in October, put up a "**substantial reward**" for information leading to the arrest of whoever's responsible for



Activists dumped Coors down the drain on Nov. 16 in the Castro.

Rick Gerhardt



Rick Gerhardt

Paul Timothy Diaz danced on World AIDS Day, December 1, 1998, at the National AIDS Memorial Grove.

the killing. Investigators continued to be tight-lipped about the unsolved case.

One block of Myrtle Street was officially renamed **Alice B. Toklas Place** at a brief ceremony November 19.

Gay city residents Timothy Wu, David Jensen, and Penney Magrane were sworn in to the **Asian Art Commission, Relocation Appeals Board, and Landmarks Preservation Advisory Commission** respectively at a ceremony November 18.

The **LGBT Community Center Project** hired openly gay Scott Walton as its first project manager.

November ended with tributes marking the 20th anniversary of the assassinations of former Mayor **George Moscone** and Supervisor **Harvey Milk**, who were gunned down by ex-Supervisor Dan White November 27, 1978.

At a commemoration organized by Mayor Brown, **Jonathan Moscone**, the son of the late mayor, announced he's gay and said his dad would be proud. The Harvey Milk Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Democratic Club held a candlelight march on November 27 that was attended by thousands who braved heavy rain.

December

The month began with several observances of the 11th **World AIDS Day** December 1. The AIDS Emergency Fund gathered bags of pennies in Union Square, while the National AIDS Memorial Grove held a ceremony and presented its first award to Irene Smith, who was recognized for her work in healing through touch.

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chest and stomach was found stumbling on San Francisco's Stanyan Street December 4. The man was taken to St. Mary's Medical Center. Police are investigating the incident.

Former state Senator **Milton Marks**, long a friend of the LGBT community, died December 4 at the age of 78.

The Washington D.C.-based **Family Research Council** sought an apology from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors after a letter written by Supervisor Leslie Katz drew the ire of FRC President Gary Bauer. Katz refused to apologize. The letter called attention to the "direct correlation" between "horrible crimes committed against gays and lesbians," such as the death of Matthew Shepard, and the "Truth in Love" ad campaign that FRC and other anti-gay groups ran in newspapers earlier this year.

Hot Cookie in the Castro was partially destroyed by a fire December 7. Owner Dan Glazer vowed to reopen as soon as possible.

A gay San Francisco resident, Hussein Hammoud, filed suit against computer publishing giant **Ziff-Davis**, alleging sexual orientation discrimination, sexual harassment, wrongful constructive termination, and emo-

tional distress. Hammoud charged that he was subject to disparaging remarks about his sexual orientation and his ancestry, and reported anti-gay comments from co-workers such as "fudge packer," and racial remarks such as "sand nigger."

The Castro Station bar became **The Bar on Castro** December 11. On December 14, the **Human Rights Campaign** joined with **Equal Benefits Advocates** and the city's queer supervisors and called for a national boycott of **United Airlines**. If United drops its suit against the city over the equal benefits law, the boycott will end. People can wear buttons in support of the boycott if they have no choice but to fly on United.

B.A.R. publisher Bob Ross was elected president of the board of directors of the **Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transit District** on December 18. Ross is the first openly gay president of the board, and has served on it since 1973.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav dedicated its new synagogue at 290 Dolores Street on December 18.

Wayne Friday, the B.A.R.'s political editor, returned to serve on the **San Francisco Police Commission**, replacing gay businessman Edward Petrillo, who re-

signed. Friday had served on the commission under former Mayor Frank Jordan.

Gay, HIV-positive Dr. Fred Fox was named director of public policy at the **Gay and Lesbian Medical Association**.

Lesbian Toni Young, co-chair of the HIV Prevention Planning Council, was hired as the first **HIV consumer rights advocate** for people who receive CARE funded HIV/AIDS services in San Francisco.

P.O. Plus in the Castro offered neighborhood residents free pick-up and storage of medicine, providing the same kind of service no longer available at the former post office at 18th and Diamond streets. Shortly before Christmas, San Francisco Postmaster **George S. Kikuchi** announced that the post office and retail store would resume receiving and holding parcels for pick up after a barrage of letters from angry customers. "We heard you," Kikuchi wrote in a letter to the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro (MUMC) and neighborhood residents.

A green concoction called **Blue Nitro** hit the gay neighborhoods of San Francisco in early December and one person apparently overdosed after ingesting too much. Law enforcement and health officials were to test the liquid, which the company marketing it claims produces effects similar to Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB).

Some \$60,000 in proceeds from this year's 25th annual **Castro Street Fair** was given back to the LGBT community in the form of grants to local organizations. Previous Castro Street Fairs returned no money to the community. ▼

New Year's resolutions around the community

compiled by Cynthia Laird

What will the new year bring for members of the Bay Area gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community? Only time will tell, but for a glimpse of what some of the community's leaders hope will happen, the *Bay Area Reporter* set off to get New Year's resolutions from a variety of people. What follows are their comments.

Incoming Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano: I resolve to be the hardest working president the board has ever had. And, I'm also going to serve as my own first lady and save the city money.

Assemblywoman Carole Migden: To spend more time enjoying the simple pleasures of life, achieving a modicum of balance, and letting people near me know how important they are to me. I also plan to don a pair of skates and enjoy myself at the new Moscone Center ice rink.

Supervisor Leslie Katz: To continue to challenge the radical right and ensure that our community is treated with dignity and respect on all levels.

Bob Rybicki, executive director at Shanti, which just moved into the Project Open Hand building at 730 Polk Street: My thought is that Shanti and Project Open Hand really develop a model collaboration for our clients.

Tom Nolan, executive director at Project Open Hand: I have high hopes that we, Shanti, and the Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center can put together something really new and great for people living with HIV who we serve. I also need to become more computer literate.

The Reverend **Jim Mitulski**, pastor at Metropolitan Community Church-San Francisco: A personal resolution, since I turned 40 this year, is to regain a commitment to physical exercise, diet, and good health. On a professional level, I hope to invest as much time and energy as possible into making the Castro a sanctuary for all people, especially the poor.

Brenda Barnett, president of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center Project's (CCP) board of directors: For me and the CCP, that during 1999 every member of the LGBT community would know we are building a community center so that they can hope with us and look forward to it.

Philip Turner, owner of Daddy's bar in the Castro: The typical ones [resolutions] are very difficult to keep. What I want to work on the most is to improve my patience.

Rebecca Prozan, Mayor Willie Brown's liaison to the LGBT community: I want to keep a neater desk and have a better sense of humor!

Finally, Supervisor **Mark Leno** told the B.A.R. that he doesn't verbalize his New Year's resolutions. "I think it's bad luck," he said. ▼

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Seroconversion of events

by Stephen LeBlanc,
ACT UP/ Golden Gate
Writers Pool

San Francisco HIV prevention programs have long stressed community building and self-esteem enhancement as a primary means to foster safe-sex and HIV prevention. But 1,233 people in San Francisco tested positive for HIV in 1998, and the vast majority of those people were gay men. According to one study conducted under sponsorship of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the highest risk group for HIV transmission in San Francisco are middle class to affluent gay men in their 30s. What's missing from HIV prevention campaigns in San Francisco, and from the pundits theorizing about post-AIDS gay identity and the end of AIDS, are these men's stories and the lessons they might teach to those who are still HIV-negative.

"I found out during a routine test I did this past spring," said Jim, a handsome 15-year resident of San Francisco in his mid-30s. "I was surprised to say the least." The former AIDS service organization (ASO) employee was referred to the Options Project at the University of California, San Francisco. Options performed a detuned HIV test that suggested Jim was probably infected in early 1998. "My sex life then was similar to what it had been for the past 15 years. I thought I'd developed standards of risk that were working for me, and I don't feel I relaxed those standards. I had always performed oral sex without a condom and with no one cum-

ming in my mouth." Jim reported that he generally didn't have anal sex without a condom and didn't have any anal sex at all during the time that the detuned test suggested he was infected. "I went to sex clubs maybe twice during the first four months of 1998," said Jim. "I don't use any drugs or alcohol at all."

Since his positive test Jim has become much more aware about precon on my hands and about other exposures. "I am not clear that the standards we hold for safe sex are indeed as safe as we think they are."

"I don't know how I got it — or when I got it," reports Vince. "I tested negative in the fall of 1992 and was living on the East Coast with a lover. He told me he tested negative at that same time and after pressure from him, I started fucking him without a condom. Soon, he was doing the same to me. We broke up six months later and though it was clear he had lied about a lot of things, I don't think he was positive." Vince, formerly a counselor at a gay health center, moved to San Francisco in the spring of 1993 to take an executive position in Silicon Valley. "Late in 1993, I had a weird flu with some spots on the back of my throat," Vince continued. "I thought it might be thrush, but a nurse said it couldn't be because the spots were painful when rubbed off with a spoon. My doctor later told me that was wrong and I think I was having acute infection syndrome. I didn't get tested again until 1995, when I started feeling sick and had some night sweats. Between the two tests, I probably had sex about three or four times per month, often at sex clubs, but getting fucked was never a big thing for me, and I always used a condom for fucking though not for sucking. Now I need \$2,400 worth of drugs every month and am really worried about health insurance and how I will pay for medical care if I stop working."

"I know exactly how I got it," remembers Peter, a former sex-worker, sometimes porn star, and currently successful Castro businessman. "I moved here in 1988 from the midwest, and during my 10 years here I was very sexually active." Peter says that throughout his time in San Francisco he was clean and sober, often had unprotected oral sex, and sometimes negotiated agreements with boyfriends not to use condoms

when fucking. "I repeatedly tested negative. Last year, I picked up a cute 19-year-old with a really big dick. While he was fucking me, the condom broke. We talked about it and he said he was negative and I told him I was negative so we kept going and he came inside me." Six weeks later, Peter came down with a severe flu and eight weeks later tested positive. "I went to the Options Project and got the cute 19-year-old to go as well. He hadn't been tested for a year and a half, and it turned out he was positive and the options test indicated he had been infected a while longer than I had."

Jose, a 33-year-old manager at a large company, had lived in San Francisco nearly a decade when he first had symptoms of acute HIV infection. "I had been very sexually active for many years, and had very definite safe-sex rules," recalls Jose. "I didn't do unprotected anal sex or oral sex with ejaculation, and I had stayed negative. The mistake I made was waiting only a week and a half after some oral surgery before giving head. Fourteen days later, I had a very nasty flu and went to see my doctor. He thought it might be acute HIV infection, but he then ordered a standard HIV test, which came back negative." The routine tests for HIV do not show a person is positive until several months after infection. "After getting the negative test results, I continued talking with knowledgeable friends who explained the problem with the standard tests. I had a viral load test done and found out I was in fact infected."

Jason, a tall, attractive, 36-year-old, moved to San Francisco in 1996 from a ranch in the northwest. "I had been very sexually active for 20 years," he recalls, "I had visited rest stops and adult bookstores regularly before I moved to San Francisco, but tested negative just before I moved here." A month after Jason arrived in the city, he had the flu: "Like I never had it before. That went away, but over the next year, I noticed some weird growths on my tongue, a few rashes, and athletes' foot, all of which I had never had before." In 1997, Jason went to the dentist for a routine checkup. "I had never noticed any bleeding in my mouth, but the dentist said I had a bad case of bleeding gums. I knew immediately that I had HIV, and got a positive test result the following week" ▼

Censorship loses a battle in Georgia

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meet any of the elements under child exploitation statutes."

Past protests have involved members of Operation Rescue and other groups descending on Barnes and Noble bookstores, locating the books, and ripping out pages they considered "offensive." Protest organizers have offered no word whether Head's decision will still those actions.

Cobb County is the home district of Newt Gingrich, and the location avoided by the 1996 Olympics torch run because county commissioners had passed a resolution proclaiming homosexuality was "incompatible" with local beliefs. ▼

A Cobb County, Georgia prosecutor has reaffirmed his decision not to try to prosecute bookstores that sell art books containing photographs of nude children.

Despite protests in October by right wing groups against the sale of David Hamilton's *The Age of Innocence* and Jock Sturges' *The Radiant Identities*, Cobb District Attorney Pat Head said Thursday, December 24 that after conferring with law-enforcement experts he has concluded the books "do not

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In his last days, he was surrounded by family and many friends. He is survived by his mother, Beatrice, his sister, Caroline, his brother, Chip, and many loving friends. He will be sorely missed by all.

Friends are invited to a memorial service at The Harvey Milk Civil Rights

Academy on February 7 at 1:00 p.m. Contributions may be made to Project Inform, 205 13th St., #2001, San Francisco, CA 94103.

David "Max" Friedlander II



David "Max" Friedlander II, age 28, died peacefully in his sleep in San Francisco on Sunday, December 6th. Max moved to San Diego from Phoenix in August 1995 and stayed through November 1997. During most of that time he lived with his current partner and "husband," lighting designer Chris Parry, in Hillcrest. He moved to San Mateo in November 1997, and eventually to San Francisco in August 1998 during which time his father, David Friedlander I, continued to take care of him during his developing HIV-related illness.

Max was a small, blond, beautiful person (120 lbs. and 5'4") who was often scared inside, but he had a spontaneous, very outgoing personality and the amazing ability to easily create friends wherever he went. He was a social butterfly, and always loved the at-

tention of an "audience." He will always be remembered by the totally unique way that he dressed — his style owing more to Las Vegas than San Diego (or San Francisco) — and his favorite signature white Lincoln Towncar that always announced his arrival. He always attracted attention wherever he went, and he loved to sing and entertain, often at various Karaoke nights. He also founded and ran the "Miss Otis Lunch Club" whilst in San Diego.

In San Francisco, he could frequently be found at the QT on Polk, or The Pendulum in the Castro, where he was

often the center of attention in the bar scene. He gained many close friends there, who will miss him and his personality badly.

He is to be cremated and his ashes will be scattered in the ocean off the island of Moorea, in a Polynesian burial service. The island was his favorite retreat for vacations, and he will join his mother, who was also buried there (in 1992).

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subjects' risky behavior, and said data from the placebo group was necessary for comparison; he pointed out that the seroconversion rate will rise above 1.5 percent if subjects do indulge in unsafe sex, and provide a better baseline against which the vaccine can be compared.

But there is another question that also nags at activists: whether AIDSvax is auspicious enough to justify studying. Although previous animal studies have shown it does protect against HIV infection to some extent, some AIDS researchers believe there are more promising vaccine delivery systems than AIDSvax's base of synthetic protein. Those include Cel-Sci Corporation's HGP-30, and a modified horse virus vaccine now under preliminary study in Cleve-

land, Ohio [see story, this page].

No director; no direction?

The push to develop a vaccine against HIV has stalled since President Clinton announced a program to develop such a product in May 1997. At the time he vowed to have an HIV vaccine completed in 10 years, but little progress has followed that announcement.

In fact, on December 19, as the House of Representatives debated Clinton's impeachment, a member of his own AIDS advisory group pointed out to the president that 19 months after his plan was announced, "a director of the vaccine center at NIH has not yet been appointed." Helen Maramontes, a member of the president's HIV/AIDS advisory council, pointed out that NIH has only held one preliminary vaccine meeting in that time and urged increased funding.

Clinton responded that "this

budget year will be more difficult than the last one because we got such big increases in everything last time, and because of the global economy kind of slowing down."

Eventually the NIH hopes to sign up 5,000 volunteers for the AIDSvax trials. Volunteers must be HIV-negative and either involved in a monogamous relationship with an HIV-positive man or have had sex with three or more men during the last year (with some anal sex required). Sexually active women, who account for a growing segment of new cases, may also participate. Female volunteers must have contracted a sexually transmitted disease sometime in their lives and have had at least two male sex partners in the last year. ▼

For more information or to sign up for the study, call (415) 554-9068.

Inauguration

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streets.

The event takes place in the new legislative chamber on the second floor. The city's other re-elected supervisors, Mark Leno, Mabel Teng, Gavin Newsom, and Amos Brown, will also be sworn in during the ceremony.

That evening, Ammiano is hosting a party in the Green Room at 401 Van Ness Avenue, across the street from the new City Hall. The event takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. "There will be great food and a swing band and it's open to all," Ammiano told the Bay Area Reporter.

Also that night, Leno will celebrate his first election victory with an inaugural party. His event takes place at the New Main Library, corner of Larkin and Grove streets, from 6 to 9 p.m. Leno, also openly

gay, told the B.A.R., "It's an open invitation to the community."

City College ceremony

This Wednesday, January 6, Mayor Willie Brown will administer the oath of office to the three recently elected members of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College Dis-

trict. The event takes place in the Koret Auditorium at the New Main Library starting at 5 p.m.

The trustees who were elected include incumbents Lawrence Wong, who is openly gay and was first elected in 1994, and longtime trustee Robert Burton, who was first elected in 1972. Joining them will be newly elected trustee Anita Grier. ▼

Killer of three gays gets prison until 2166

Christmas Eve brought some justice to three gay murder victims in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ricardo Rodriguez, a 20-year-old Mexican national, was convicted on 13 counts including first-degree murder and kidnapping of 41-year-old Victor Monzon, 30-year-old Jesus Contreras and 37-year-old Osvaldo Travieso. Rodriguez was sentenced Thursday, December 24 to 168 years in prison. Three other suspects have yet to face trial for the murders. ▼

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Tailgaters

by Jim Provenzano

College football games are notoriously festive events. My alma mater Ohio State's annual game against Michigan got so darn festive, in fact, it included boarding up the High Street storefront windows and declaring martial law.

Daryl Gregory played football as a wide receiver at Harding University in Arkansas. His being gay didn't come up then — not by a long shot. He kept quiet and "let it lie." Anyone else would, too: with 250-pound potential homophobes ready to tackle him, he "had too much to lose."

Where he now plays defensive lineman and running back, the roaring in the background isn't a stadium full of fans, just the J Church ambiling up along Dolores Park. As the organizer of the pick-up squad of guys who play flag football almost every Saturday, he's reclaimed his sport in a way, and, he says, they've become a crew of definite contenders. Other than Seattle, they're the only gay-men's-inclusive team on the West Coast.

Free of the hoopla and hype, football gets reduced to its pure elements in what is a classic form of recreation for people across the country: the weekend game.

Certainly there are fewer knock-down falls and other unpleasant confrontations with

gravity in flag football. Not that a whimsical shout of "Let's play tackle instead!" doesn't betray a more rambunctious nature in this crew, both gay and straight.

And while the playing on this field is amicable, for gay jocks in colleges where he competed, Gregory says, "Things have not improved, with bashing and stuff. With football guys, [coming out] is not the wise thing to do."

Yet it's done here, under sunny skies, where men of a variety of sizes and abilities are able to enjoy the sport free of the claptrap, the pre-game mandatory prayer sessions, and the corporate takeovers. Here, the guys just play ball.

Gregory said, "It's becoming more successful, with 15 guys a game, even in the rain." There's more tackling done then, he said, what with slipping in the mud and all. Now, that sounds exceptionally fun.

The players also get together for post-game dinners and movies. Some guys wanting more competitive action can get into some of the future games against flag football teams in Los Angeles, Marin, and — they hope — Seattle. They also hope to join competitive flag football leagues, where the winners in top division get to play against NFL players.

"We feel like we can do it," said Gregory. "We have the talent to challenge these guys." He's hoping to get that organized as well as the IWFFL. "The women have an in-

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Jane Philomen Cleland

The 69ers flag football squad play a queer-friendly pick-up game every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in Dolores Park.

credible league," he commented, noting their eight teams and recent Bay Area tournament.

In his current league, some guys play hard. Gregory himself was recently injured. This year he noted no serious mishaps (knock on pigskin). "We try to minimize the intensity so you don't get seriously hurt, and we're changing some rules in preparation to fulfill national flag football league rules."

Allowing rookies time to get into the game is also important: "One guy had never played before," Gregory said, "and now he's

a contender!"

And even though most players are gay, it's not a requirement. "It's a mixed group," said Gregory. "Some guys bring their wives or kids. It's clear we're here to play football." And as their group grows and improves, they continue to hope they will break down ignorance — not bones.

"We challenge the stereotype," Gregory said. Right between the goal posts.

Team spirit

Dave Williams has been playing since 1996. Asked if he played football in school, he replied, before laughing, "Not very well. It's a lot more fun now. You can date your teammates if you want to."

Nikolas Arnold played high school football in Brooklyn, New York and college baseball. He likes all sports and finds, while heterosexual, says playing with gay guys is no big deal. "I saw these guys playing in the park about a year ago and I've played ever since. But I hate to lose."

Derrick Nickle played rugby in college at Vassar and had a fortunate yet rare experience. "The guys knew I was gay and they had no problem with it," he said. "You're out there and you're performing. I think it's the same here. It doesn't really matter what you're sexual orientation is. You're here to play and have a good time, and that's the point."

Longtime footballer Chuck Martin, however, said he "feels more comfortable playing with queers. That's why I play in Gay Games, gay leagues, gay football and basketball. There seems to be a difference in attitude."

Of his experience playing intramurals football in college, where he was out at school, but not so on the playing fields, Mar-

tin found that often with "frat boy players, their whole sense of masculinity was wrapped up in how well they played on the field." As an out man, Martin said, "It was fun to be able to beat them," and in turn, perhaps, the heterosexism some embody.

Will we ever have a pro or college football player come out? Martin is doubtful. "The trend these days is this whole religious thing," he said. "You see people huddling in prayer. Part of the problem with being out is that you can be targeted while being targeted," i.e., that body slam comes to you with a special tinge of bigotry.

"America, apple pie," Nickle said. "It's all tied in to our image" part of where diversity in sports falls short, especially when football players like Reggie White try to use their football fame for less than honorable purposes. Martin mentioned, however, that in light of White's right-wing Christian rhetoric, "the good thing was you didn't get anything from the football world itself; the teams, the other players." So perhaps it's not as homophobic a sport as some think.

Until that's proven, at least one field is open for all kinds of players. "There's a level of your just doing something for fun, for recreation, and then the aspect of doing it with people you're comfortable with," said Nickle.

In a sense, guys are able to enjoy the butch aspects of the sport with a queer edge, thus bridging the gap between a Hail Mary and a "Hey, Mary!" ▼

For more information on men's flag football, call (415) 441-7760. For women's flag football, call (415) 282-4232.

Mayor on AIDS

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men who have sex with men is 30.5 percent."

Brown's second letter also describes the epidemic in the transgender community. "Recently, the San Francisco Department of Public Health completed a study to determine the HIV prevalence of San Francisco's transgendered community. The study team, which included a number of transgender individuals, interviewed 515 transgendered persons and determined their HIV

prevalence was approximately 35 percent," the mayor stated.

The new letter goes on to note that the AIDS epidemic is just one of a number of health problems faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered persons. "Breast cancer, sexually transmitted diseases such as gonorrhea, and substance abuse, particularly the use of crystal methamphetamine, are other significant challenges," the mayor stated. "I am hopeful that your FY 2000 budget will provide specific funding to these health issues in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered communities as well." ▼

HEALTH RESOURCES

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ACT UP/Golden Gate
Self-empowerment for AIDS treatment options.
Gen'l mtgs. Tues., 7:30pm; treatment issues; every other Thurs., 7:30pm. 592 Castro. 252-9200.

ACT UP/SF
Does not accept drug company donations, committed to direct action. Contact: 864-6686.

Acupuncture
The Community Acupuncture Project offers free acupuncture Wed., 9:11:30am, American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, 450 Connecticut, 282-9603.

ADD Support Group
Informal support group for gays and lesbians with Attention Deficit Disorder. Call Chuck, 282-7983.

AIDS Benefits Counselors
Professional review and counseling about benefits for people with AIDS/HIV+. Free. For intake, scheduling, screening, referral, call 558-8845.

AIDS Community Research Consortium
Conducts HIV and AIDS clinical trials at sites located in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. For a free listing of current trials available, call 800-864-ACRC.

AIDS Dementia Care Unit
At St. Mary's Medical Center seeks volunteers to visit patients with HIV-related cognitive impairments. Call Stephan Ouellette, MSW, 750-4976.

AIDS Emergency Fund
Provides financial assistance to people with disabilities. HIV office volunteers needed for day shifts. Call 558-6999.

AIDS Health Project
Support group for caregivers, friends & lovers of those with HIV/AIDS; women only, and mixed groups; free. Info: Mike, 502-6101.

AIDS/HIV Nightline
Volunteers needed to provide telephone emotional support, intensive training course provided. 984-1902.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel
Assists persons w/HIV on legal problems, incl. wills, powers of attorney, benefits, more. Free or reduced fee. 291-5454.

AIDS Memorial Grove
Monthly workdays: weeding, clearing, replanting at Bowline Green Dr. and Middle Drive East, Golden Gate Park. Info: 750-8340.

AIDS Project of the East Bay
HIV education & prevention programs, case management, emotional & practical support for people in Alameda Co. 651 20th St., Oakland. (510) 834-8181.

AIDS Support Group
2+ years since diagnosis. No charge, fees paid by Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Resource Group. Thursdays, 1pm. For intake call 552-5517.

AIDS Treatment Education Network
Provides free educational forums for people with HIV/AIDS: holistic healing and survival strategies. 284-6237.

Alternative Family Project
"We Are Family," on-going support group for gay men. Tues. & Thurs., 7pm. Call for no-fee intake. 436-9000.

Alzheimer's Association
Free SF support groups: 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2:30pm. UCSF Mt. Zion Center on Aging, 3600 Geary Blvd. (Also, groups in Spanish, Chinese.) Info: 800-660-1993.

ARIS
ARIS resources, information and services of Santa Clara county, drop-in support group meetings. 408-293-ARIS.

Asians & Leather
Support group for gay Asian men who identify with leather. Info: c/o Pacific Friends, PO Box 641008, or e-mail Ichoi415@aol.com

Asians & Pacific Islanders with HIV
Weekly support group, activities, retreats, treatment info. API Wellness Center, 292-3400 x336.

Baker Places
Provides housing for people with AIDS who have substance abuse/or mental health issues. Info or intake call 284-1740.

BAPHR
Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights offers support services to med. students, physicians. 558-9353.

Bay Positives
Provides recreational and emotional support for people up to 26 years old living with HIV. Ongoing support groups meet weekly. 487-1616.

Baylands Family Circle
Nonprofit group of families headed by gay, lesbian and bisexual partners, meets monthly for social. Call Tom, 858-2468.

Bereavement Groups
For family, friends and partners who have lost a loved one to AIDS, Visiting Nurses and Hospice of SF. 750-4404.

Breast Cancer Action
Carries the voices of people affected by breast cancer to inspire and compel the changes necessary to end the breast cancer epidemic. For info, call 243-9301.

Buddhist AIDS Project
Provides info on Buddhist resources, events, and HIV alternative health services. Call 522-7473.

Brown Boyz

Drop in group for gay/bi Latino men under 25, addressing HIV and other survival issues. Meets every Mon. at 6:30pm. PCPV, 2973 16th St. 864-7278.

Cancer Support Group

Based in San Francisco and offers a caregivers support group, a grief group, and counseling for cancer patients, their friends, and families. For info call Brian at 242-2137.

Catholic Charities

Residential and direct HIV services include Guerrero House, Peter Claver Community, more. 814 Mission. 281-1200.

Center for Special Problems

Groups for people with HIV: drop-in for women, women's therapy group, co-drop-in and psycho-educational group. 1700 Jackson. Call for info: 292-1500.

CHANGES Project

(A Coping Skills Program), UCSF research project: ways to deal with stress of HIV epidemic. HIV+ men call: 597-9169.

Chemically Sensitive & HIV

Support group forming for those allergic to perfumes and chemicals. 922-1348.

Coming out support group for women

Meets Weds., 7:30pm at New Leaf, 1853 Market. All women questioning their sexual identity. Info: Lynne, 626-7000.

Coming out support group for men

Meets Weds., 6:30pm at New Leaf, 1853 Market. St. Men at all ages welcome. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman, Ph.D. Info: 626-7000.

Community United Against Violence

Provides service for LGBT victims of domestic violence and hate crimes. Also volunteer couriers for 24-hour crisis line. Call 411 at 777-5000. Emergency 24-hour crisis line, call 333-HELP.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Jew and lesbian Jewish synagogue. Services every Friday at 8:15pm. 290 Dolores Street at 16th Street. 861-6932.

Connections

Is a confidential, one-on-one peer support focusing on HIV prevention by and for gay men of color. Free. Info: 353-8124.

Continuum HIV Day Services

An adult day health facility for people with disabling HIV disease, located in the Tenderloin. Medical services, counseling, therapy, meals, activities. 241-5500.

Crystal Meth Anonymous

Meetings every: Wed., 8pm At the Meeting Place 1874 Market; Sat., 9pm, and Sun., 6pm at 529 Clayton. Hotline: 267-5933.

Davies Med. Center

Free classes for HIV+ people in needpoint (Tues., Wed., exercise (Tues., Thurs.), stress reduction (Mon.)) Castro at Duboce. Info: 565-6369.

Deaf AIDS Center

At UC Berkeley Deafness offers services to those with HIV/AIDS regarding hearing loss or deafness. Counseling, resources, practical support. Interpreting services and assisting devices on loan. 476-1600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

Diabetics

Support group for gay, lesbian and bisexual Type I and Type II diabetics in SF and the Bay Area. Info: (510) 865-2933.

Dimensions

Comprehensive medical, mental health, and substance abuse services for LGBT youth ages 12-25 in a safe, supportive environment. Sliding scale based on income. No one is turned away.

Every Thursday from 5 pm to 8pm at 3520 17th Street, at Pond, in the Castro. Drop-in or by appt. Call 487-7589.

Dolores Street Comm. Services

Seeks volunteers to help homeless in shelters. Contact David Rodriguez, 282-6209.

Drug Detox Program

Outpatient, medical drug detox, HIV acute care, counseling and education, free. Haight Ashbury Free Clinics, 529 Clayton. Call Hector, 565-1909.

Eden I & R

Information & referral for AIDS/ affordable housing, HIV service providers in Alameda County. 537-2600.

Ellis-Peninsula AIDS Services

Support groups, emotional & practical buddy program, food program and case management for PWAs in San Mateo Co. (650) 572-9702.

Eureka Acupuncture & Yoga Center

Offers yoga, massage, low cost acupuncture. 301 Eureka. 648-2215.

FABRIC

A support/social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning Asian and Pacific Islander young adults, 25-35, who have dropped out of college. Call 476-1600.

Filipino Task Force on AIDS

Provides prevention, education and direct care services to Filipinos and others affected by HIV/AIDS. 1540 Market, Suite 325. Info: 703-9880.

Full Circle Beyond Recovery

It used to be that much of what you did, thought and felt was related to the substance or behavior. Who are you now that you don't use? This group is designed for people active in their recovery process, not necessarily using 12 steps. Free intake, low fees. Call 255-0100.

Full Circle Positive Professionals Group

This professionally facilitated group will create a safe space for HIV+ healing and healthcare professionals to get support to deal with the challenges they face, with their clients and for themselves. Free intake, low fees. Call 255-0100.

Full Circle Positive Support Group

Coping with HIV/AIDS is an ongoing challenge. Come and share support with others experiencing the same issues. Free intake, low fees. Call 255-0100.

Full Circle Positive Youth Group

Coming with HIV/AIDS is an ongoing challenge and can bring up many things quite like people who are older. Come and share support with others experiencing some of the same issues. Free intake, low fees. Call 255-0100.

Galeemas

Service organization supporting gay and lesbian employees of Pacific Bell. Membership info: call 747-9880.

Gay Dads

Gather to talk about your kids, lovers, ex's, etc. Joel Wachler, MFCC. Alternative Family Project. 436-9000.

Gay Greeks

Support/social group for Greek-American gays and lesbians. Meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month. Call 551-1688 for location and time.

Gay & Lesbian Asylum Project

Seeks volunteer to coordinate outreach to immigrants with asylum claims based on sexual orientation. Call Aaron Myers, 641-9276.

Gay Young Spirit

A new spiritual/social group for gay men in their 20s & 30s; meets alternate Tues., 7:15pm, in SF. Call 703-7181.

G40+ Club

Social group for gay/bi men 40 and over, meets 1st & 3rd Sundays every month, 2pm. Call 552-1997.

Hepatitis B Testing

And vaccinations for young (15-23) gay and bisexual men. Free. Berkeley Free Clinic, 2339 Duran Ave., Berkeley, Sun., 5-7pm. (510) 644-0425.

Hepatitis C Helpline

Peer support for persons afflicted with hep C. Call 834-4100.

HIV Care

Offers the latest clinical trials from community-based trial network, access to experimental treatments. Free to participants. Info: Sher Vieira, 353-6215.

HIV Drop-In Groups

Co-ed for people with HIV, Wed., 8pm. Women with HIV, Tues., 10am. Center for Special Problems, 1700 Jackson.

HIV Group

Weekly group for men with HIV/AIDS. Sixteen Wed. afternoons from 3-2:30pm. Free to SF residents. Center for Special Problems, 1700 Jackson.

HIV Negative Gay Men's Support Group

In the South Bay, meets second and fourth Wed. of each month, 7pm. ARIS, 1550 The Alameda, Suite 100, San Jose. Info: Pat Duffy, (408) 293-2747.

HIV Negative Support Group

For gay and bisexual men offered by AIDS Health Project; free drop-in, times and ongoing support groups. Info: 476-3902.

HIV Nutrition Discussion/Support Group

Ongoing monthly meetings at city clinics, call for info: CARE Program Nutritionists, 554-9121.

HIV Positive Youth Group

18-25, meets every Wed., 7pm. ARIS, 1550 The Alameda, Suite 100, San Jose. (408) 293-2747.

HIV Sitting Group

Meditation for those with HIV, caregivers, friends. Tues., Thurs., Fri., 10:30am (beginners: 10:20am). Hartford St. Zen Center, 57 Hartford. Info: 864-1560.

HIV Negative Support Group

For gay and bisexual men offered by AIDS Health Project; free drop-in, times and ongoing support groups. Info: 476-3902.

HIV Testing

Free, anonymous testing, counseling and education. 1st Thursday and 3rd Friday of each month, 10pm-12:30am. 933 Harrison, upstairs.

Honk Care Companions

Provides classes how to care for a loved one living with AIDS or cancer. For next class sessions, info, call 824-3265.

Human Enhancement Project

Treats persons with HIV-related illness using a program of traditional Chinese medicine and herbal supplements. Info: 252-8711.

Iris Center

Women's counseling and recovery services for women with HIV, no/low fee. 333 Valencia St. Info: 864-2364.

Istituto Laboral de la Raza

Helps low income and unemployed workers with labor issues, union organizing, family support. 431-7522.

Laguna Honda Hospital AIDS Unit

Provides compassionate care to PWAs who are SF residents in need of 24-hour nursing care. Call 664-1580.

Lauingstock

Free comedy improv workshop for people with HIV/AIDS, presented by Bay Area TheaterSports. Call for sessions 474-8935.

Lesbian/Gay Christian Scientists

Meets 2nd Monday of each month for insight and support. Info: 281-0636. or (800) 280-6653.

Lesbian Social Group

For lesbians and bisexual women in Tri-Cities/San Joaquin Co., Thurs., 7pm at The Edge, 39160 State, Fremont. (510) 790-2887.

Lesbian Support Groups

On mental health issues: peer counseling, support and referrals for SF residents. Call Connie, 552-0788.

Lesbians with Cancer

12 week psycho-social support group at the Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market. Classes are offered on a sliding scale basis. Call 565-7672 x370 to register.

Linha de Ambiente

Information, referral and emotional support for gay, lesbian and bi Latinos regarding immigration, HIV, social services, a project of Gentle Latinas de Ambiente (GEЛАAM). 243-9534.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Center

Quality, affordable, non-judgmental medical care is given by women, special outreach to lesbian and bisexual women. 1748 Market St. 565-7667.

LYRIC's After School

Drop-in for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth, 18 and under. Daily, 3-6pm. M-F. 123 Collingwood. 703-6150.

Maitri Residential Care

For people disabled by HIV requiring medical support. Call for info or to volunteer. 863-8508.

Meditation Sessions

For caregivers, people with HIV, significant others. Free, Tues., Thurs., Fri., 10:15am. Hartford St. Zen Center, 57 Hartford. 863-2507.

Men Overcoming Sexual Assault

Operates sexual assault hotline for men, Mon.-Fri., 10pm-11pm. 510-845-8273.

Mental Health - Team II Clinic

Provides psychotherapy, case management, medication. Specializes in services to the gay and lesbian community. Medical, Medicare, third party insurance accepted. Sliding scale. Part of SF Dept. of Public Health. 298 Monterey Blvd., near Golden Gate Park. 8ART station. Call Stan at 753-8760 for information.

Molested Boys:

"Wounded Men, Recovery from Sexual Abuse" free audio tape. Call 552-4220.

Most Holy Redeemer

AIDS support group. Seeks volunteers to provide in-home practical and emotional support to PWAs. For information and application, call 863-1581.

Mothers Organizing

Mothers working to change public attitudes and policies on AIDS. Provides public education and advocacy. Call 863-2265.

Movement and Voice

Group for HIV+ men, no experience necessary. Monday nights, 7pm. Call Paul, (510) 763-5900.

MWM

A rap group for gay/bi Asian Pacific Islander men and their partners. Wed. nights, 6:30pm. Asian AIDS Project, 785 Market, Suite 420. 227-0946.

Native American AIDS Project

Support, resources and advocacy for Native Americans/ Alaskan natives and their families affected by HIV. 1540 Market St., Suite 425. Infoweb: 522-2460.

New Leaf

Provides substance abuse, mental health, HIV and senior services for les, gay, bi, and trans community. Infoweb: 626-7000.

Outline

Free HIV info and support using Windows or Macintosh graphic interface. Info: 554-0555 or inf@out.org

Pacific Center Walnut Creek

Support group for queer and questioning people, counseling referrals and information. (510) 793-7711.

Paradigm

Models for enhancing life near death, serves the terminally ill, free 10-week support group in SF. Call for info: 522-9192.

Planete Health Resource Center

Up-to-date medical info to assist in making informed health choices. Extensive health library, current medical lit clippings and health bookstores. Also support groups, health information service by mail. 2040 Webster St. 923-3680.

The Positive Center

Free weekly workshops in acupuncture, nutrition, more for Marin CO. residents w/HIV. 535 San Anselmo Ave., San Anselmo. 456-8065.

Positive Gay Humanists

Internal'l organization to end discrimination & violence, meets Tues. at 7:30pm. Info: 285-0606.

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R.I. has nation's best legislative record

by Peter Cassels

Rhode Island finished 1998 with the best legislative record for gays and lesbians of any state in the nation, according to activists and lobbyists.

Representatives attending quarterly meetings of the Federation of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Statewide Political Organizations gave the state the highest ranking because of significant legislation passed by the Rhode Island General Assembly. Statutes enacted include repeal of the state's sodomy law, the nation's most punitive; a requirement that hospitals honor patients' wishes on whom they designate as immediate family; and creation of a tougher hate-crimes law that includes sexual orientation [see story, this page]. Rhode Island is only one of nine states with a gay rights law, enacted in 1995.

Ocean State activists are not about to rest on their laurels. In 1999, they'll support legislation to provide same-gender couples

with as many additional legal protections as possible, and give renewed emphasis to protecting gay and lesbian youth in the schools.

"We know how far we have to go," says Kate Monteiro, president of the Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. "We live with certain realities day to day, but people look at our state and say, 'Wow! They have everything you could want,' which shows how low expectations are around the country."

Monteiro says repeal of the sodomy law "is something that people even in our own movement said could not be done." Repeal has had ramifications far beyond the state's borders. "It has added a great deal of momentum to the privacy and sexual freedom aspects of our movement," she explains.

Several factors came into play in its passage. "We in Rhode Island, like many states across the country, had, since *Bowers v. Hardwick* [the 1986 U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding the Georgia statute recently

struck down by that state's Supreme Court], some sense of inevitability about sodomy laws, so we made a serious effort this year," the state's chief gay and lesbian advocate says.

Other factors included heightened awareness of the law resulting from wide publicity of North Smithfield police arresting on sodomy charges both an alleged robber and the victim, and a Block Island rape case in which the judge threw out sodomy charges against the defendants. Libertarians, the Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center, the disabled, and defense attorneys also supported repeal.

The state's only openly gay elected official, Democratic Representative Mike Pisaturo, has a slightly different perspective on the year's legislative success. "I think it is a direct result, not of any single effort in any single year, but the culmination of legislative and lobbying efforts over the last dozen years or more," he says. "The Legislature has slowly come to understand our issues because we have made a more visible effort and have become more sophisticated and mature. We've been able to cut away at some of the biases and prejudices. We didn't need to educate from ground zero. Some already

had their Gay 101 course and have moved on to 102 and 103."

Pisaturo, who easily won re-election in November against a conservative Republican who ran a negative campaign, still is mulling legislation he'll introduce during the General Assembly's next session, which begins in January. He'll likely sponsor a safe schools bill, and may author legislation granting domestic partnership benefits to state employees.

Last session, he introduced a same-gender marriage bill that never made it out of committee. He's unsure whether he will reintroduce it next year. ▼

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City and County of San Francisco Department of Human Services Request for Proposal #147

The City and County of San Francisco Department of Human Services (SFDHS) announces its intent to seek proposals to provide family mentor services for the Ruth E. Smith Foster Care Demonstration Project.

The contract will provide approximately \$4,732,962 over the period from 4/1/99 to 3/31/2002. As part of a five-year demonstration project, this contract may be renewed depending on performance of contractor.

An RFP packet may be picked up at SFDHS, 170 Otis, 8th Floor beginning 12/30/98. Office hours are from 8am to 5pm. For more information, contact John Tsutakawa at (415) 557-5680. Due date for responses is 2/9/99 at 1:00PM.

STATEMENT FILE NO. 227607

The following person(s) are doing business as Charlie Graham Travel Arrangements 584 Castro St. #321 San Francisco CA 94114. This business is conducted by an individual signed Charles H. Graham. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on, N/A. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 12/18/98.

DEC 23, 31, JAN 7, 14 1998

STATEMENT FILE NO. 227536

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DEC 23, 31, JAN 7, 14 1998

STATEMENT FILE NO. 227313

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DEC 30, JAN 7, 14, 21, 1998

STATEMENT FILE NO. 227632

The following person(s) are doing business as 121 Communications 86 Waller St, San Francisco, CA 94102. This business is conducted by an individual signed Daniel R. Theobald. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on, 12/11/98. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 12/21/98.

DEC 30, JAN 7, 14, 21, 1998

STATEMENT FILE NO. 227696

The following person(s) are doing business as Nu2U2 2415 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94110. This business is conducted by a non-profit signed Melinda Peterson. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on, N/A. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 12/23/98.

DEC 30, JAN 7, 14, 21, 1998

STATEMENT FILE NO. 227700

The following person(s) are doing business as Daddy's Adult Boys Club 130 Landers St #3 San Francisco, CA 94114. This business is conducted by an individual signed Larry Elwyn. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on, N/A. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 12/24/98.

DEC 30, JAN 7, 14, 21, 1998

Arrests in beating of R.I. female impersonator

by Peter Cassels

Two teenage men will be the first to face Rhode Island's new hate crime law, considered "the toughest in the nation," for allegedly beating a female impersonator in the early morning hours of Thanksgiving Day.

On Thursday, December 17, authorities arrested David E. Sheldon, 19, of East Providence, Rhode Island, and Taylor Grenier, 18, of Warren, for allegedly beating Diana Obidowski, 44, of Providence, on November 26. Sheldon and Grenier entered not guilty pleas to one misdemeanor count of simple assault at an arraignment in Rhode Island District Court the next day.

Even though simple assault is a misdemeanor, the state's Hate Crimes Sentencing Act requires that convicted defendants serve a mandatory minimum of 30 days, and up to a year, in prison. The statute does not allow judges to suspend the sentence or place defendants on probation. It is the toughest in the nation, according to state Senator Rhoda Perry, the sponsor.

The attack occurred as Obidowski, who legally changed his first name, was leaving Wheels, a gay bar in the city's downtown area. Three men in a car stopped near the bar and are alleged to have yelled derogatory comments and threats directed at Obidowski, whom they assumed to be gay.

Two of the men left the car, ran up behind the victim and knocked him to the ground, then assaulted him. Obidowski managed to get back on his feet, and fled. The suspects are alleged to have chased and caught him, then assaulted him further by kicking and punching him in the

face.

Obidowski suffered a cut above an eye that needed 10 stitches, another on the back of his head, requiring several more stitches, and other injuries. Providence police officers who responded arrested the three occupants of the car. The victim was beaten so severely, however, that he was too traumatized and could not see clearly enough to identify the two suspects who assaulted him.

Further investigation by officers assigned to the area led to the arrests.

At a news conference, Mayor Vincent Cianci called the assault on Obidowski "vicious and ugly. I've seen the photos of the victim and they are absolutely horrible." He promised that the suspects would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Sheldon, Grenier, and their companion, who has not been charged, were attending a party the night of the incident and, "were bored, and decided to come to our downtown," Cianci explained. "After we get through with them, they'll wish they never came to Providence."

Although Obidowski is a female impersonator, Fitzgerald Himmelsbach, the mayor's gay and lesbian liaison, said he was not dressed as a woman the night of the assault and had not been performing at Wheels.

"This administration will not tolerate hate crimes of any kind," Cianci emphasized. "Those who think they can participate in gay bashing, or any type of crime motivated by ignorance, hatred, bias, in our city have it all wrong."

Grenier and Sheldon were released under \$200 cash bond. A pretrial hearing is scheduled for January 7. ▼

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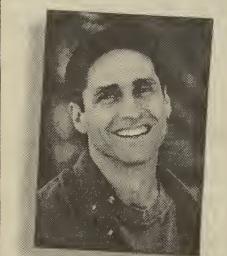
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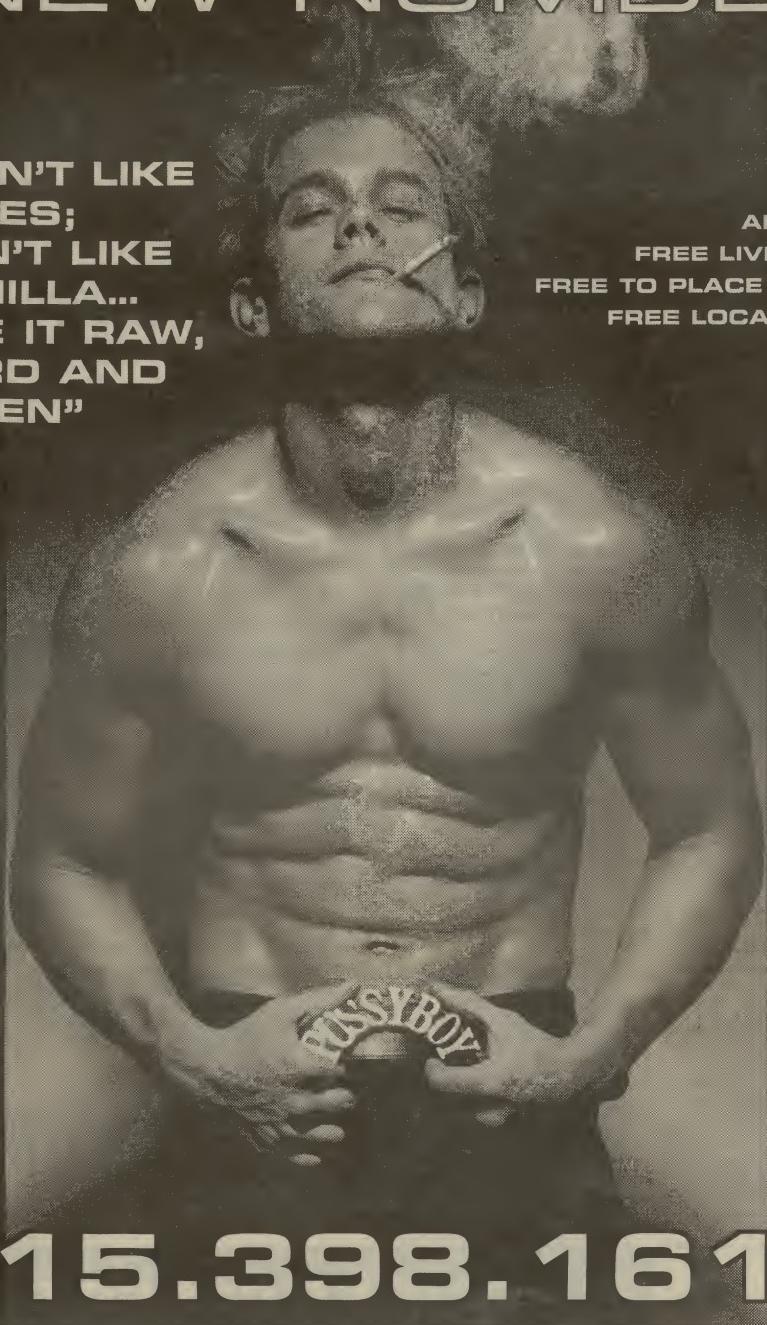
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facing it

by Robert Julian

1998: The year America discovered the blow-job

Forget all that stuff about perjury and obstruction of justice, 1998 was the year that Republicans, Kenneth Starr, and fundamentalist Christians went bonkers over blow-jobs. They obsessed over the topic in a way that only those who have never given or received one possibly can. Former Clinton pal and Ken Starr songbird the late Jim McDougal said Starr's chief prosecutor, Hickman Ewing, "was driven crazy by the sex part of Bill Clinton's life." Clinton, president of the most powerful nation in the world, put fellatio on the map this year — with the help a young lady from Beverly Hills. Ex post facto, Clinton even declared that his eleven "full Monicas" did not constitute sexual relations, an opinion "Lips" Lewinsky also voiced — apparently without coaxing — in her surreptitiously recorded telephone conversations with the evil Linda Tripp. The non-sexual nature of such behavior must come as a great surprise to the boys at Blow Buddies. Should they now view their favorite pastime as simple community service?

Even Woody Allen got into the act this year. In his latest dud, *Celebrity*, Melanie Griffith portrays a movie star who gives her interviewer (Kenneth Branagh) a personal face-off as part of the interview process. Allen even has Bebe Neuwirth **choke on a banana** as she attempts to instruct Judy Davis in the art of "going down." It was that kind of year. But beyond The Story, there were other memorable moments worth recalling in 1998's fellatio nation.

Save the trees

The Sierra Club got my support for their tree conservation efforts when sleazebag politician and raging homophobe Sonny Bono skied into one at Lake Tahoe on January 6. In this head-on collision, the tree survived, but the Republican Congressman from California did not. Cher then made an embarrassingly maudlin spectacle of herself at a memorial service for the tone-deaf little Napoleon who was once her husband.

Bono's widow, Mary, went on to fill his seat in Congress and resume her social life by dating eligible bachelors. In November, Congresswoman Bono revealed that her late husband was addicted to prescription painkillers at the time of his death and opined, "I'm 100 percent convinced that is why he died." For this, and other transgressions, she was crucified in the press by her late husband's Italian fishwife

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OUT THERE

by Roberto Friedman
and a cigarillo

Savvy masthead readers will notice that this week's ish #53 of the 1998 volume of the B.A.R. How do we do it, put out 53 weekly issues in a 52-week year? It's a little trick of the calendar we like to call a "B.A.R. leap year."

Although we have been sitting in the editorial hotseat only since ish #9 this year, we know what all of 1998 felt like. It was the year of the monolithic Cigar Joke, which hogged the airwaves and overshadowed the popular culture at large. Everything from the State of the Union address to the unilateral bombing of Iraq was interpreted as blow-job fall-out, and here in the Gay Area, even high

cultchuh like Handel's *Solomon* oratorio could not be heard except in light of Lewinskyiana, as music critic Tim Pfaff reported in his Notes column in September. Whether you were a child grappling with the concept of oral sex for the first time, or an old hand (or mouth) at the pursuit, it was a year for snickers and regret — at what might have absorbed the nation's attention: hunger, AIDS, healthcare.

But let's put aside the Big One for a moment, if we can, and cast a gelid eye backward for some of that instant 1998 nostalgia.

Who can forget Scottish heart-throb Ewan McGregor swinging his big bat around on the Silver Screen? You think we mean as a security guard in *Ole Bornedal's Nightwatch*, but we mean as Iggy Pop-like "Curt Wild" in Todd

Ewan McGregor in *Nightwatch*

us and every other rag in town for all the mentions we were worth, she went on to collect a SF Board of Supervisors' Proclamation declaring a Dame Edna ("born of natural Wisteria hair") Day. The photo shows her accepting the honor and a hug from Supervisor Mark Leno. Publicité!

Edna, incidentally, doesn't much care for drag queens. She didn't receive the Royal Court, who came a-callin' with presents, and she singled out for abuse one "pathetic, attention-grabbing impersonator" who came to see her and made sure to sit in the front row.

According to Coagula art-world-baiter Mat Gleason, the best quote of 1998, the year of a thousand bug movies, was from artist Danny Redfern: "Computer animation has yet to surpass your average puppet show."

More scene-stirrings from Coagula New York Editor "Janet Preston": "A beefed-up Barry Diller, looking like legendary Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes, exhorted Calvin Klein and Sandy Gallin to pound the pom poms for Boss Ross [Bleckner], who was unusually

mug through the role at the Golden Gate Theatre last week fell somehow inadequate. Struthers, who these days would be quite welcome at a Girth & Mirth Party, depended upon whole steamer trunks full of shtick, such as disemboweling a doll while she sang of her hatred for "Little Girls" in some over-the-top business that owed a certain something to *Mona Rogers'* treatment of Little Fatty.

The little girls sang their hearts out, the puppy cracked cute on cue, and aggressive capitalism, in the person of Conrad John Schuck's

Daddy Warbucks, triumphed in the end. As if there were any surprise in that.

Out There

Book 'em, Bobby

Oh well, it was a very good year for cigar jokes, global warming, and wouldn'tcha know it, good ol'-fashioned books. Yes, publishing houses continue to be gobbled up by conglomerates (German, even), but at least the pickings for discerning bibliophiles were plentiful and choice. Books we've enjoyed this year include Sarah Schulman's new novel *Shimmer* (Bard); *The Same Embrace* by Michael Lowenthal (Dutton); *An Arrow's Flight* by Mark Merlin (St. Martin's); *Jonathan Ames'* hilarious *The Extra Man* (Scribner); Lewis Ellingham and Kevin Killian's *Jack Spicer* bio, *Poet Be Like God* (Wesleyan/New England); Joachim Neugroschel's new translation of *Mann's Death in Venice* (Viking); and the decadent *In My Room* by Guillaume Dustan (High Risk).

We were also captivated by Manuela Hoelterhoff's tell-all tome about opera star Cecilia Bartoli and others, *Cinderella and Company* (Knopf), from which we learned about diva Kathleen Battle that she "would never, ever

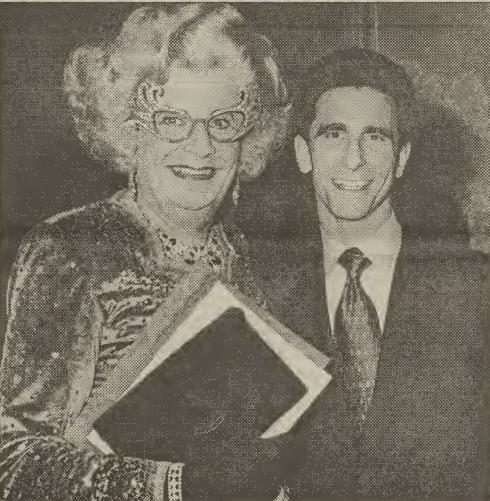
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Soprano Kathleen Battle

speak on the day of a performance. But she would still take phone calls ... She would sit by the phone with a glass and a spoon. Callers knew to speak only in yes-or-no questions. One clink meant yes." Hey, there's an idea — we've got to try it with publicists.

Candid royal

Finally, here's a New Year's toast to bonny Prince Charles, who during his holiday visits to charitable concerns, NPR reports, was heard to inquire of a patient suffering from multiple sclerosis, "Have you tried cannabis? It's supposed to be very good for that." Buckingham Palace is reportedly miffed that anyone would blab to the press such an innocuous remark made in complete confidence. We say to the Palace guard: wake up and smell the pot smoke. ▼

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THEATRE

On the aisle, '98

The year in Bay Area theatre-going

by Richard Dodds

As the curtain falls on the drama of 1998, and we look forward with trepidation to the new year's plot twists, it's time to take stock of what local theaters offered as antidotes to, commentaries on, and diversions from real-world scenarios. Here's a look at what made 1998 memorable for at least one theater-goer.

Funny stuff

It was a big year for yuks as a stream of world-class jokers made their way to San Francisco. Bill Irwin and David Shiner made me laugh the hardest with *Fool Moon* at ACT, though Dame Edna



Dame Edna

in her *Royal Tour* and Eddie Izzard in *Dress to Kill* also provided ample amusement. But for me, it was more bemusement than amusement at Sandra Bernhard's preggies turn in *I'm Still Here ... Damn It.*



John Fisher in *Combat!*

Home-grown

Local playwrights had the opportunity to be heard on several stages, but one of the most ambitious undertakings took place in the all-the-world's-a-stage venue of Yerba Buena Gardens. Writer-director John Fisher's *Titus!* was

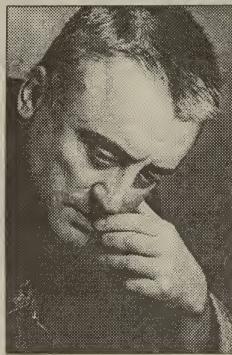
all over the place, literally and figuratively, in his wigged-out adaptation of Shakespeare's bloodfest *Titus Andronicus*. Fisher was not only the writer and director of *Combat!*, another superior original of the past year, he also played a leading role in the tale of gays in the military during World War II.



Trauma Flintstone in *Gross Indulgences: The Trials of Liberace*

Note should also be made of *Happy Anniversary*, Lou Reda's intimate tale of gay relationships; *Gross Indulgences: The Trials of Liberace*, F. Allen Sawyer's amusing send-up of *Gross Indecency*; and *Twyla's Story*, Charles E. Polly's atmospheric saga of a San Francisco gay man returning to his Kentucky home. At Theatre Rhino, porn star-turned-author

Scott O'Hara got to see *Ex-Lovers*, his play about love and death, staged only a few months before his own death.



Kevin Elyot

ences as a short, gay, Filipino actor into the ingatiating *I Remember Mapa*. John O'Keefe returned to the Magic Theatre with *Shimmer*, his evocative solo show about his youthful escape from a juvenile home. And Tim Miller revived his intimately revealing *My Queer Body* for NCT.

Best of the reps

Of the Bay Area's two "big" houses, Berkeley Rep provided a steadier stream of intriguing fare. The Culture Class version of Aristophanes' *The Birds*, Paula Vogel's thoughtful *How I Learned to Drive*, Tony Kushner's flawed but impressive early work *Hydrotopia*, and guest director Lisa Peterson's imaginatively stripped-down version of *Antony and Cleopatra* were among the Berke-



Kandis Chappell and Joseph Siravo in *Antony and Cleopatra*

ley highlights. At ACT, artistic director Carey Perloff did well by Pinter with *Old Times*, and Robert O'Hara's *Insurrection*, about a contemporary gay black man traveling back to the time of slavery, was an ambitious if uneven presentation.

Musical medley

The city's theaters aren't big on standard Broadway musical fare, but 42nd Street Moon uniquely celebrates the form by presenting intriguing also-rans. Irving Berlin's *Call Me Madam* and Cole Porter's *Nymph Errant* were standouts, but the strongest outing was the Richard Rodgers-Stephen Sondheim collaboration *Do I Hear a Waltz?* TheatreWorks in San Mateo offered a more recent noble flop, *Side Show*, in an ambitiously elaborate production.

Divas on tour

The shows — *Chicago*, *Show Boat*, *Miss Saigon*, etc. — were mostly the stars of the Best of Broadway series, but a couple of grand dames turned up with differing results. The remarkable Eartha Kitt helped turn a routine stage adaptation of *The Wizard of Oz* into something special as she growled and scowled and flew across the stage. But Elizabeth Ashley was decidedly earthbound as Diana Vreeland in *Full Gallop*, a lightweight play that couldn't survive this Titanic miscasting. ▼

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THEATRE

Air dances and rope tricks

Acrobat Jonathan Nosan of the New Pickle Circus

by Richard Dodds

He was the chubby kid who couldn't climb the rope in gym class. Nowadays, a trim and muscular Jonathan Nosan not only can climb the rope, he spins and dangles and twists and twirls like a ballet dancer on high. The San Francisco-based acrobat is currently doing his rope tricks as a member of the New Pickle Circus at the Cowell Theatre, where he brings down the first-act curtain to cheers.

It seems a long way from the halls of his San Diego high school where other kids called him "faggot," and when body-image issues led to an eating disorder. He found an escape, and a modicum of popularity, by pouring his energies into juggling and magic performances, but when he headed to college he wasn't imagining a career in the spotlight.

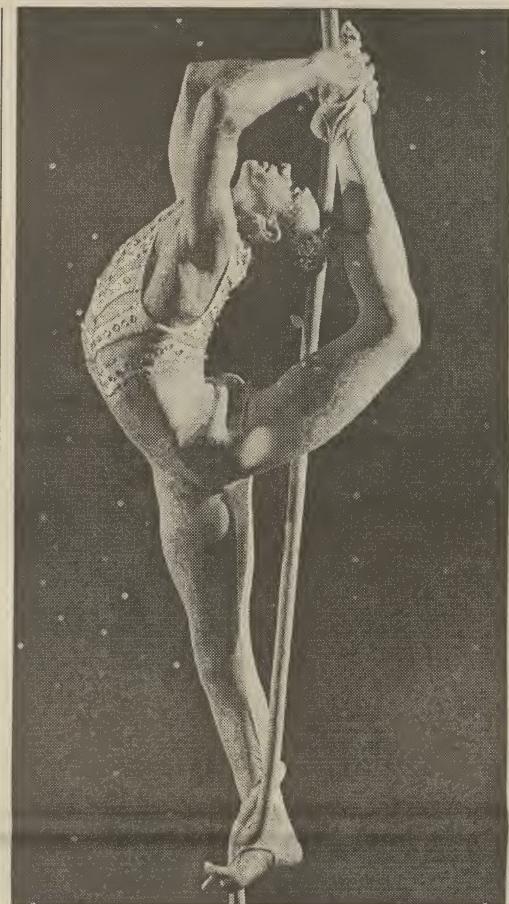
Nosan, now 29, got his B.A. in Asian studies at UC Berkeley, which led to a two-year opportunity to study design in Japan on a Fullbright Scholarship. In Tokyo, when he saw a performance by Cirque du Soleil, something inside him clicked. "My choice was either to work toward a Ph.D. or become an artist," Nosan said, "and I decided to go for that when I was still kind of young."

He moved to London to train with circus master Philippe Gaulier, and returned to San Francisco in 1995 to continue his studies at the San Francisco School of Circus Arts. Not long ago, he bumped into a friend from college who asked him what he was doing these days. "I'm in the circus," he replied. And his friend said, "That's such a non-adult thing to do." Nosan took it as a compliment.

And how did his parents react when he decided to quit his formal education to essentially join the circus? "I'm the youngest, so that helped a little," Nosan said. "And they saw that I planned it out and worked very hard at it. And they saw I was willing to follow a dream, so it wasn't too bad."

Making the circuit

It's not a career about a steady



Jonathan Nosan in the New Pickle Circus' Step Right Up!

Nosan said, and he plans to maximize that time even when it complicates personal relationships.

Does his traveling life allow for romance? "Oh, yeah, and all over, but not relationships," he said. "It's definitely a career time, and that means being ready to get up and go when it's time. I think this has been the most challenging part of my career."

When he's not performing, Nosan continues his training. "It's more about improving artistically than technically," he said. "Without that, it just remains a gymnastic event rather than a theatrical event."

For four years, Nosan periodically performed with partner Eric Newton in an act they called Air Male. Gay clubs were frequent clients, and his performance in the New Pickle Circus incorporates a suggestion of homoeroticism during an off-rope pas de trois with the circus' two featured dancers.

"It just kind of naturally evolved into that as we worked on it," Nosan said, "and the circus wanted some of that, because,

after all, it is a San Francisco circus." ▼

The New Pickle Circus will continue at the Cowell Theatre in Fort Mason through Jan. 3 before moving to the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts on Jan. 8-10. Tickets are \$15-\$24. Call 441-3687.

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For a long time, San Francisco-based TV and stage comedian Byron Yee thought a musical based on his life might have to be called *Oklahoma!* after the state where he was born. Now Yee has gone back to his roots and rediscovered his Chinese heritage. The result is the autobiographical show *Paper Son*, opening this weekend at the Cliff Osmond Theatre, 340 Mason Street. The title refers to incoming Chinese immigrants who were held at Angel Island while their claims (on paper) of being the sons of Chinese-American citizens were investigated.

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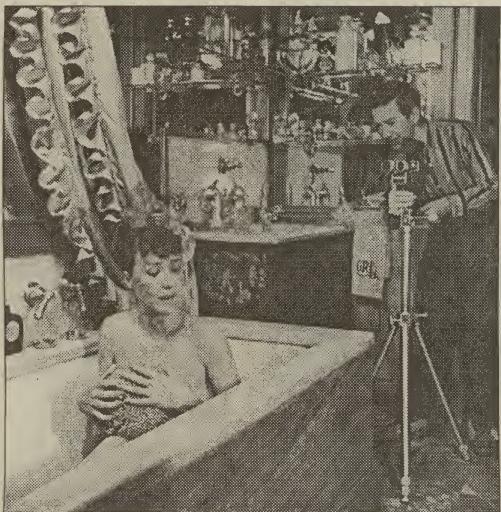
Repertory programmers dominate Top 10

by Gary Morris

One of the minor casualties of America's increasing cultural senility is the Top 10 movie list. Ten doesn't sound like a high number, but given the quality of the releases in 1998 it might as well be 10,000. Breathlessly awaited works like Todd Solondz's *Happiness* and Jonathan Demme's *Beloved* were more fizzy than sizzle, and films that were supposed to be the latest last word in cinematic ovation, like Thomas Vinterberg's *The Celebration*, simply dressed up tired plots of families-in-distress in purposefully amateurish technique and epileptic camerawork. Even highly touted "quality" imports like Imamura's *The Eel* and Walter Salles's *Central Station* failed to move past the middlebrow and were praised beyond their worth by critics who couldn't find much else to celebrate this year.

Fortunately, San Francisco's inventive repertory programmers brilliantly bucked the trend with some of the most rewarding programs on record, as the following Top 10 list of Bay Area movie events shows (in no particular order).

1. Hostess Huestis (Castro). The combination of live (sometimes barely) stars, kitschy Hollywood movies, and drag contests has proven so winning that local im-



Gypsy Lee Rose with her son, Erik Lee Preminger

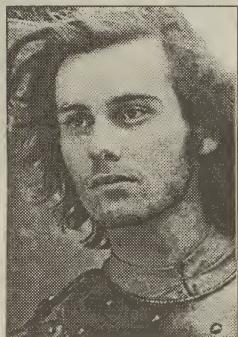
presario Marc Huestis has successfully exported it to other cities. Gypsy Rose Lee's home movies, de Palma's *Carrie*, and the overcooked *A Summer Place*, along with Troy Donahue, Sandra Dee, and Piper Laurie, were some of the lucky recipients of the Huestis makeover this year.

2. Soviet Sisters (Yerba Buena Center). In spite of enthusiastic

endorsements by Coppola and Scorsese, the work of Russian director Larisa Shepitko has rarely emerged from the gulag of international film distribution. This overdue show featured two of her best films: *Wings* (1966), about a female fighter pilot's abandonment by her society, and *The Ascent* (1976), an exceptionally bleak WWII drama. These masterpieces of postwar social realism

can be read in retrospect as subtle predictions of the dire events in the Soviet Union in the 1990s.

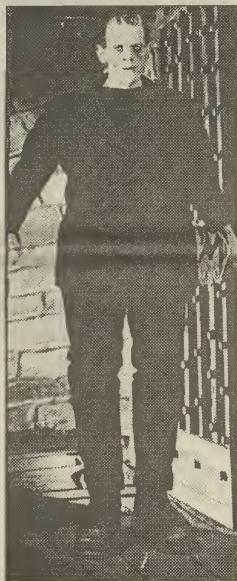
3. Pre-Code Fun (Roxie). Spencer Tracy goes skinny-dipping at midnight (*Man's Castle*), Claudette Colbert is a slutty alcoholic and unwed mother (*Torch Singer*), and Jean Harlow practically rapes her boss in a telephone booth (*Red-Headed Woman*). No, this isn't a précis for a new edition of *Hollywood Babylon*, but some of the highlights of this year's ever-enchanting pre-code festival at the Roxie.



A scene from Robert Bresson's *Lancelot of the Lake*

introduction of meditation techniques into one of India's most squalid prisons showed a new approach to prison form that might be the only possibility in the present reactionary climate. Startling images of convicts in silent contemplation for ten days, guards and cons in tearful embrace, and criminals adopting their victims as their families, offer a sound spiritual answer to an ongoing, worldwide tragedy.

8. Kim Ki-young (Castro). Korean cinema is mostly an unknown quantity in the West, but the resurrection of Kim Ki-young's brilliantly assured, super-sleazy melodramas suggests a further look is in order. *The Housemaid* (1960) was especially appalling and enthralling with its story of a prim music teacher whose life and family are capsized by one of the nastiest nannies in cinematic history. The fact that none of these films appear to be available on video made this miniseries all the more welcome.



Boris Karloff in *Frankenstein*

9. Universal Horror (Castro). The success of *Gods and Monsters* stirred up new interest in homo Hollywood auteur James Whale, and this series allowed subtext-sensitive audiences to uncover a wealth of queer imagery in his classic 1930s horror films, *The Old Dark House*, *Frankenstein*, *The Bride of Frankenstein*, and *The Invisible Man*. The sharp new 35mm prints made this process all the easier.

6. Film Under Fire

(S.F. Cinematheque). This program of legendary, explicit avant-garde short films from the '60s to the '90s was a reminder of all that's best and most progressive in film art. Works like Anne Severson's *Near the Big Chakra* (1971), with its nonstop parade of choker close-ups of vulvas, and Kurt Kren's *16/67* (1967), with its reduction of a man to the essential mechanisms of life ("eating, drinking, pissin', shittin,'" as the film's subtitle has it), at once evoke and transcend their era.

7. Vipassana

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INTERVIEW

Partying in the new year

CeCe Peniston headlines Universe bash

by Mike Youens

Tonight (Thursday) being New Year's Eve, club diva CeCe Peniston will be warming the rafters at Universe/Pleasuredome's New Year's Eve 1999 Bash at 177 Townsend. '99 should be another banner year for CeCe: she has a new album due out, and of course will dominate the room at many future club dates. I spoke with her before her arrival in San Francisco.

Mike Youens: Did you have any idea that "Finally" would become such a fierce hit?

CeCe Peniston: I didn't realize how powerful "Finally" was until I saw the audience's reaction every time I performed it. It's usually the last song I'll sing.

How long have you been a working diva?

I've been singing since the sixth grade and professionally since '91-'92.

Who gave you your first big break?

I started singing background for the Overweight Pooch until one day he told me I should cut my own single.

Have you ever busted any drag

queens lip-synching to your songs?

Devina, a female impersonator friend of mine, invited me to see her show one night featuring my songs. She had it all goin' on, from the black leather outfit in "Hit By Love" to the full catsuit from "Movin' On."

Who do you admire in your field?

Patti LaBelle, she has such stage presence. I love the way she interacts with her audience. Recently, I was able to meet her when we were both on the Soul Train awards.

Tell me something about CeCe that people would be surprised to hear.

I'm very outspoken.

Which one of your songs is your favorite, and which one can't you stand?

Oh, that's a hard one. It depends on the mood I'm in. Sometimes I wanna hear some "Keep On Walkin'" or "I'm In The Mood" or of course "Finally." As far as the one I can't stand, there aren't any. I wouldn't have recorded it if that were the case.

What's your biggest bitch about performing live?

If an audience isn't into your vibe.

Like, say I'm on the bill with a really deep R&B group and their vibe isn't my vibe, the audience will just stare at me and wonder when my set is over.

What are three things you love most about gay men?

They love to have a good time, they love to get coifed up, look good, and will tell you like it is!

What's in your CD player right now?

Faith Evans, some dance compilation, a Christmas compilation, and the soundtrack to *Belly*.

What's the one thing that's always in your purse?

Lipliner.

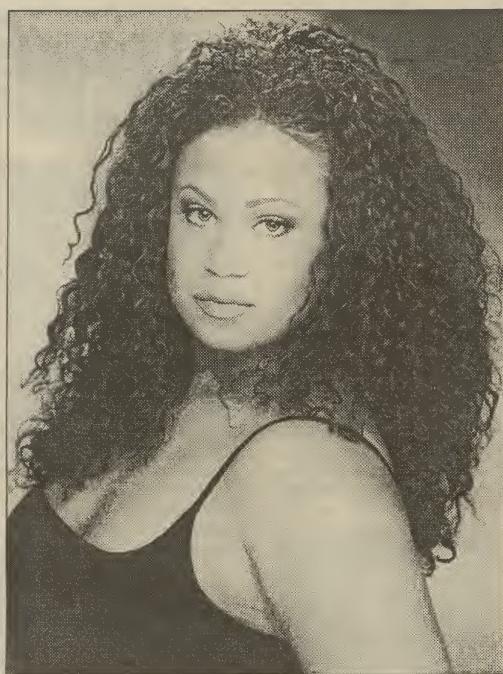
What's the wildest thing that's ever happened to you in a gay club?

This guy from the audience jumped on stage and started doing the centipede. I fell out, I couldn't finish singing I was laughing so hard! It had been a long time since I had seen someone do that.

Do you enjoy making videos to your music?

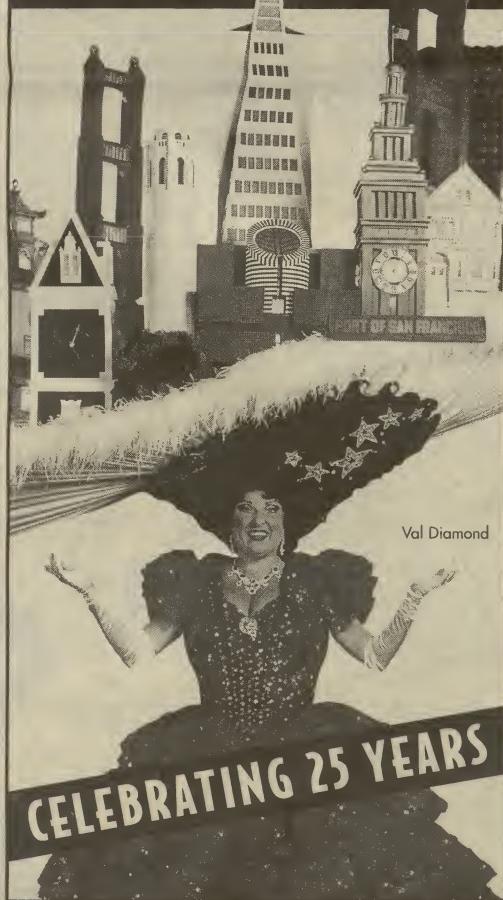
Definitely! It's a lot of work, but it

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Venice, anyone?

Nicolas Roeg's 1973 chiller 'Don't Look Now' at the Castro

by Matthew Kennedy

Twenty-five years ago, *Don't Look Now*, a self-proclaimed psychic thriller, opened to mixed reviews and sputtering box-office. Today, it's something of a late-blooming classic, frequently found on lists of movies with abundant creepiness and eroticism. It remains a distinctly unnerving experience, self-consciously arty yet too powerful to ignore and dismiss. The smart programmers at the Castro decided it was time to dust it off and feature a brand-new print for the new year.

The plot, by now, is familiar to many: John and Laura Baxter (Donald Sutherland and Julie Christie) lose their young daughter Christine in a drowning accident. They later travel to Venice, where John is engaged to restore a sixteenth-century church. Laura happens upon two sisters (Hilary Mason and Clelia Matania), one of whom claims to have second

sight. She "sees" Christine as a vision from the other world. Laura, of frail mental and physical health, hangs on to the "messages" from her dead daughter, while John is offended at this attack on his rationality. He refuses to see his own gifts of prophecy and sets up a chain of events leading to certain disaster.

The two stars work magic together. Roeg snagged both of them at the perfect moment. Sutherland was still hot from *M*A*S*H* and *Klute*, and Christie had matured from formidable presence (*Darling*) to formidable actress (*McCabe & Mrs. Miller*). For Roeg, who is reported to be an exacting taskmaster, she seemed intuitively to acquire Laura's fragility. As the grieving young mother, she looks forever on the verge of shattering into a million pieces. Next to her, Sutherland looks huge and lumbering, but no less wounded and vulnerable. While she flutters about in nervous optimism, occasionally levelling him with soft-spoken cruel-

ties, he retreats into sullen silence. He can't even abide the faith that is represented in the building he restores. His slow realization of the prophecy's truth, and his accompanying slippage from steady moorings, is as scary as anything in the movie.

Everything is death and decay. In a blatant representation of the failure of religious institutions, the church that John restores must be tended to or it will sink. Everyone is inconsolable. The in-

effectual bishop wanders in and out of the movie like a berobed phantom. The sacred family structure has been violated, not only by the daughter's death but by the son's isolation at school. The family is never seen whole in the movie, and it's hard to imagine when any of them felt happy and complete. The troubled marriage, filled with genuine love, is challenged possibly beyond its limits. No one is able to offer help — not the hotel personnel, the

eras to great advantage, but the achievement isn't seminal. Just how tough is it to make Venice look interesting? More inspired is the rendering of Venice as a place of dread — cold, lonely and grotesquely ornamented. It is further upended as a romantic destination by editor Graeme Clifford's dislocating cuts that undermine a linear progression of past, present and future.

Rarely have such glossy pretensions been so deftly executed



Donald Sutherland and Julie Christie in a scene from Nicolas Roeg's *Don't Look Now*

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people on the street, or the police who dredge up a woman's corpse from the canal. Only the weird sisters offer a way out, but John's skepticism prevents him from heeding their cries.

Disquieting

Don't Look Now has no readily identifiable villains, save the horrible dwarfed apparition at the conclusion. Part of its disquieting ambiance comes from an evil and destruction that is everywhere but nowhere. It cannot be destroyed, since it cannot be seen. Terror is foretold with repeating images that are as ominous as they are abstract — the flurry of pigeons, the quickly drawn shutters, the obscured views of narrow alleyways and dark canals. As the city closes up and empties with the onset of winter, we feel the same entrapment and doom that accompanies *The Shining*, *High Noon* or *The Silence of the Lambs*. Venice becomes a watery haunted house of no escape.

By clever visuals, Roeg elevates an otherwise standard girl-from-beyond-the-grave story by Daphne du Maurier into something altogether special. Roeg and Director of Photography Anthony Richmond used their handheld peek-a-boo cam-

and defensible. Consider *Don't Look Now* without its faux spiritualism, blue-chip stars, harsh editing, and Venice location to see how Roeg gets disproportionate credit for the movie's effectiveness. There are groaning, nonfatal clichés in *Don't Look Now*. The bereaved parents leave their English estate during a rainstorm, and the sister with second sight is blind (how pat is that?). But Roeg wisely steers the action away from Christine's death and onto her parents' response. They make love (in one notoriously graphic scene), they quarrel and they try to cope, but it's the magnum loss that sends them on to their terrible fate.

Good luck finding any moral messages in *Don't Look Now*. This is no admonishment to clean up the environment or be kind to your spouse. What does *Don't Look Now* have to say? Avoid strange women in the bathroom? Beware the red mac of Venice? It falls apart under such standard interpretive expectations. It carries no message except the one celebrating confident, flashy filmmaking. ▼

Don't Look Now plays the Castro Theatre January 1-7.

MUSIC

Best of '98

Moments of musical electricity

by Tim Pfaff

Even though the Bay Area surely the flame-out of the San Francisco Opera — the artistic collapse of a once-great opera company that's as disastrous locally as the fall of Valhalla at the end of Wagner's *Ring*, the next great work this grievously misguided company will vandalize — 1998 offered enough memorable events at the positive end of the scale to suggest that it's still possible to care about music and live in the Bay Area. There even were moments of unalloyed greatness.



Grigory Sokolov

The musical year crested early, its single greatest event being the San Francisco Performances recital of **Grigory Sokolov** on January 21. No other musician outdid the St. Petersburg pianist in turning the performance of noted music into an act of co-creation. The self-appointed custodians of tradition howled their protests at this, the most controversial musical event of the season, while Sokolov, up to more important stuff, carried on the more August if near-forgotten tradition of the artist's bringing a strong point of view to established repertoire. Call it living music, and call Sokolov's life at the top. Starting off with, of all things, Rameau, played as idiomatically as I've ever heard it on piano, Sokolov went on to give a searching, exploratory performance of Beethoven's G-Major Sonata, Op. 31, No. 1, that took the piece to the limits — as Beethoven did. His risk-taking was such that the Brahms G-Major Sonata fell apart in his hands, but Sokolov returned with a Chopin nocturne encore in which time stood still.

A fellow Russian, **Valery Gergiev**, accomplished something similar in his Davies Hall concert with his **Kirov Orchestra** from St. Petersburg's Maryinsky Theater on November 17. Time stood still — as it must — in their sublime reading of the Good Fri-

day music from Wagner's *Parsifal*, the greatest opera music heard in these parts since Gergiev last conducted opera here, before he understandably broke ties with the company that gave him his American debut. The *Lohengrin* preludes and Scriabin tone poems were ecstatic stuff, too, pointing up what a sham Gergiev's San Francisco Opera farewell, leading four slam-bang performances of the Kirov's traveling *Betrothal in a Monastery*, was. We'll be traveling to hear him from now on.



Martha Argerich

Legends appear

Two of the music world legends, pianist **Martha Argerich** and cellist **Mstislav Rostropovich**, made San Francisco Symphony appearances playing their signature concertos, the Prokofiev Third and the Dvorak, respectively. A schedule conflict prevented me from hearing the Dvorak, though I don't doubt it was the tablets-brought-down-from-the-mountain-top experience my colleagues described. Argerich's Prokofiev, which I caught on October 2 and 4, was the kind of magisterial playing — confident yet spontaneous, revealing in the technical difficulties — that made it clear why the Argentine pianist is a legend. In case you missed the performances, shortly after her appearance here, Argerich followed up her already classic recording of the concerto with a new one, from EMI — one of the year's best recordings — that also includes an uncommonly subtle performance of Prokofiev's First Piano Concerto and a sublime account of Bartok's Third.

Anne-Sophie Mutter took the award for comprehensiveness and seriousness with her cycle of the complete Beethoven violin sonatas, with pianist **Lambert Orkis** — an enterprise to which she devoted an entire year (an all but unheard of level of commitment to a repertoire these days), and which San Francisco became one of only four North American cities to hear complete when the pair performed the cycle in Davies Hall May 3 and 4. Their efforts



Anne-Sophie Mutter

brought about a wholesale appreciation of the sonatas — in every sense of that word — and have been preserved on a recently released set of three DG CDs. **Andrew Manze**, Mutter's early-music counterpart, made an auspicious Bay Area debut on November 21

that confirmed his reputation as the smartest, fastest, most technically accomplished and artistically daring — say nothing of most charming and entertaining — new kid on the performance-practice block.

Two of the hottest new properties on the vocal scene, England's **Ian Bostridge** and Germany's **Matthias Goerne**, both made recital debuts this spring — the former for Cal Performances on March 1, the latter for San Francisco Performances on April 29 — even sharing one item of repertoire: Schumann's *Dichterliebe*. It was purely a matter of taste (musical or otherwise) which you found more com-



Ian Bostridge

pelling, but the truly good news was that both of these guys are as good as their reputations.

Gratefully, two of the year's peak experiences were local products. At the Symphony, **Michael Tilson Thomas** capped a generally strong year with a triumphant Mahler

Notes From All Over

Festival last summer — and capped that with a searching account of Mahler's Ninth Symphony that



Matthias Goerne

marked one of his great achievements here ever, period. Incidentally, one of the year's best recordings was also of Mahler's Ninth, this one **Pierre Boulez**'s with the **Chicago Symphony** for DG.

Maestro **Ali Akbar Khan**, beyond any doubt the greatest musician in the North Indian classical tradition and the head of San Rafael's Ali Akbar College of Music, closed a Spirit of India Festival celebrating his school's 30th anniversary with a raga of predictable brilliance. Less predictably, he followed it with a sarod duet, in Raga Zila Kafi, performed with his 16-year-old son **Alam**, making his professional



Alam Khan

debut. There was no getting around a "star is born" electricity in the air.

But among the young newcomers, it was hard to top **Rufus Wainwright**, the 25-year-old gay man who dared to make his debut as an utterly uncatagorizable songster with a DreamWorks CD and, locally, a gig at the Great American Music Hall on December 12. This guy looked and sounded like Trouble with a capital-T — and I mean that in the nicest possible way. I can't get his music out of my head, and I like it that way. ▼

CeCe Peniston

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helps reach a different market and promote the sale of the music. It's also easier when I get to have creative input into the productions and I'm not just someone waiting around being told what to do.

What's your favorite part of the music industry?

Getting paid really well for something I love doing!

Who would you love to do a duet with?

Stevie Wonder.

What do you consider your best feature?

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Fuck music

Sexy hard rock band Sparrows Point releases new EP

by Adrian Roberts

Tight leather pants. A guitar thrust out provocatively from the crotch. Gorgeous long hair whipping about. Smoke billowing out from the stage. And powerful music that sounds louder than God. This is what a rock 'n' roll show used to be about: sexy spectacle, frenzied energy, and shameless entertainment. Sparrows Point has not forgotten.

Although seemingly anachronistic in this day and age of sensitive musicians where "it's all about the music, man," Sparrows Point make no apologies for their old-school stage antics. And their powerful live show proves it. Watching these local hard rockers, you just might feel a little displaced, feeling as if you're standing up close at a really huge arena show, instead of at a small San Francisco club. And that's exactly how lead singer Sean Cip likes it.

"For five dollars, you're getting a show you wish you'd seen when you pay your \$30 to go see any of these dinosaur rock bands," claims Cip. "Because what we don't have in million-dollar lighting rigs we make up for in energy! Behind all the smoke and the lights and whatever else we drag out on stage, Sparrows Point still gives one of the biggest and most aggressive rock 'n' roll shows around. We're like this demented little metal version of *Cirque du Soleil*.

"There's contorting body parts and sweat, and we always end up getting cut while we're on stage, 'cause we're always bashing into each other. And it's not planned at all. It just happens. We just get out there and the emotion kind of takes over. When I get off stage I've probably lost five pounds in sweat. My body is bruised, and I don't even remember what just happened half the time."

Despite the inherent entertainment value of the sort of frenetic

rock show that Sparrows Point puts on, it's not all shallow posturing. Their songs pack a wallop, with guitarist Kenny Stoned and keyboardist Margrit Eichler writing powerful, crunchy hooks to complement Cip's tortured, provocative, and often sexual lyrics.

Sex soundtrack

"All our songs tend to be either extremely sexual or really angry," explains the bisexual Cip. "Those are two of the strongest emotions there are, and that's sort of what I base my whole life on. I mean, rock is about sex — it's the soundtrack to fucking! It's very primal."

Take the throbbing "What's Next" for instance, the first track off their brand new EP, *Silence Makes A Sound*. "It's a 'fucking' song," exclaims Cip. "You hear yourself sliding in and out on that song! But mostly, it's about an S/M trip. That's more where I come from, personally. I'm really into fetish sex. I honestly believe that pain is the final frontier of sexuality. Pain involves such trust. It's everything that love is supposed to be. When you're playing



Sparrows Point: Margrit Eichler, Sean Cip, Chris McGrew, Kenny Stoned

with pain, you have all these emotions that you're supposed to have when you're in love."

Silence is a marked improvement over last year's debut release, *Throwing Rocks At God*, owing

much to the band's frequent gigging over the past year. The group sounds tight, assured, and focused. Cip is pleased with the results. "This is the kind of shit that you're either going to pump your fist to," he says, "or have sex to." Although, with only three tracks on the EP, even Cip admits that it would probably have to be a quickie.

It's Sparrows Point's live show, however, that really proves the band's ability to kick ass. "We're trying to bring the entertainment back to music," says Cip. "Because I think a lot of bands took their shit so seriously that it just ended up not being very much fun. I mean, it's great that Bono and Eddie Vedder want to change the world or whatever, but I just want people to have a great time." ▼

Sparrows Point's record release party takes place this Saturday, January 2, at the Paradise Lounge, 11th & Folsom Streets, at 10 p.m. Cover is \$5. For more information, call 861-6906.

The divine Ms. M's

Two legends returned in '98

by Gregg Shapiro

Two of the most eagerly anticipated discs of the year came from two true legends of popular music. Joni Mitchell's and Bette Midler's fans have pretty much known what to expect on each of these divine divas' albums over the course of their lengthy (30 years and 26 years respectively) and illustrious recording ca-

reers. There have been the occasional forays into the forgettable (*Mitchell's Mingus*, Midler's *For The Boys* soundtrack), forgivable because we know that an artist has to experiment in order for her to grow and become that much more perfect.

Taming The Tiger (Reprise) by Joni Mitchell and *Bathhouse Betty* (Warner Brothers) by Bette Midler are no exceptions to these rules. Both albums find both

women returning to familiar ground, while continuing to broaden their respective graps. For example, for twenty-five years, Joni Mitchell's albums have had certain constants (personal and political songwriting, a subtle jazz influence, a rock influence à la "Raised On Robbery," and the occasional cover tune, to name a few) that can all be found on *Taming The Tiger*.

The same holds true for Midler. You know that you can count on a retro number or two, comic relief, and inspired covers of songs by both well-respected and up-and-coming songwriters, and you can find all of those things on *Bathhouse Betty*. In fact, Midler opens *Bathhouse Betty* with a stunning cover of Leonard Cohen's "Song Of Bernadette" (which Cohen co-wrote with Jennifer Warnes and Bill Elliot). Midler nails it in her special way, which is why the song that follows, "I'm Beautiful," is such a disappointment. A comedic dance number that was probably perfect for her live performances simply loses something on disc. Redemption comes in the form of "Lullaby In Blue," about a woman who gave up a child for adoption when she was younger, which, ironically enough, was co-written by Cohen's son Adam.

Midler goes Polynesian (she is, after all, a native) on the sweet "Ukulele Lady," but loses her footing on "I'm Hip." She doesn't regain it until her inspired cover of Ben Folds's "Boxing." I advise you to skip "Big Socks," which makes her claim on the song "I'm Hip" a bald-faced lie. All is not lost, especially on the trilogy of songs that close the disc, "That's How Love Moves" (co-written by Jennifer Kimball), the appropriately schmaltzy *One True Thing* movie theme song "My One True Friend" (co-written by Carole King, Carole Bayer Sager, and schmaltz-



Bette Midler

meister David Foster), and the smart "Laughing Matters."

Overdue honors

Coming four years after her last studio disc (*Turbulent Indigo*) and following her long overdue honors at the Grammy Awards and from *Billboard Magazine* (among others) and induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, *Taming The Tiger* finds Mitchell at her most unaffected. In fact, her phenomenal songwriting and guitar-playing (her guitar sounds like a harp throughout most of this album), combined with her distinctive and evocative vocals, are nothing short of the most logical progression occurring over the course of her more than 15 studio albums.

Wayne Shorter's soprano sax, which has been a presence on Mitchell's albums for more than twenty years, is back on *Taming The Tiger*. The way it works in tandem with Mitchell's voice and fret-work gives new meaning to music having charms to soothe the savage beast.

Where to begin? "Man From Mars," from the movie *Grace Of My Heart*, has been re-recorded (another version exists on a promo-only cassette of the soundtrack) and, along with "Love Puts On A New Face," "Crazy Gries Of Love," and "Stay In Touch," ranks with the best songs Mitchell has written on the

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BOOKS

Reveling in the year's best books

by Deborah Peifer

One of the real pleasures of being a critic is compiling the annual top ten list. Of course, one of the agonies of being a critic is compiling a top ten list, but in this rich and rapturous year, the agony involved limiting the list to ten. This was a year of extraordinary first novels, as well as glorious work by seasoned writers. In fact, 1998 was a year for readers to delight in the written word, to savor complex characters, to revel in plots that made us think and feel and celebrate. In selecting ten, I looked for those books I was still thinking about long after I read them, the books I recommended to friends, the books I knew I would reread with pleasure in the years to come.

Black and Blue by Anna Quindlen; Random House, \$23

In her astonishing story of Fran Benedetto, Anna Quindlen created vivid characters and terrifying truths as she traced a woman's journey to her own identity. Fran was a battered woman, trying to escape a brutal husband and save herself and her child. This was a stunning novel, one that raised questions about the very notion of self while offering a look at the creation of that self that was painfully personal, potently political. Quindlen's writing was extraordinary, her plotting flawless, her characters unforgettable.

The Burning Plain by Michael Nava; Putnam, \$23.95

In his sixth Henry Rios novel, Michael Nava took on questions



Danielle Nocetta

Michael Nava



Joni Mitchell

track "Tiger Bones" fleshes out the Blake-reference-laden "Taming The Tiger," and her cover of "Here's To You" should be her theme song. Here's to you, Joni, for taming the tiger and staying fierce. ▼

of life and death, heaven and hell, and considered the possibility that we may create our own hell while we live. As with his earlier novels, Nava had much more to offer than diversion, although *The Burning Plain* entertained thoroughly, as he explored what it meant to be gay, to be sexual, to be human.



Dorothy Allison

Cavedweller by Dorothy Allison; Dutton, \$24.95.

In her first novel after *Bastard Out of Carolina*, Dorothy Allison created a novel about family and friendship, and most courageous of all, hope and the possibility of redemption. She created characters that lived in the memory and used language with the skill of the poet that she is. A gorgeous novel, filled with the real details of lived lives, *Cavedweller* was the novel you never wanted to end.



Emma Donoghue

Hood by Emma Donoghue; Alyson, \$11.95

Emma Donoghue's novel of loss (the hood of the title refers to

widowhood) was also an affirmation of life and of the joys of loving. She used language with elegance to create memorable characters whose lives were as important to us as our own.



Felice Picano

A House on the Ocean, A House on the Bay by Felice Picano; Faber, \$14.95

In his latest volume of remembrance, a memoir that read like a novel, Felice Picano reminded us of the halcyon days, after Stonewall and before the plague, when gay men celebrated their sexuality with ribald enthusiasm and the greatest pleasure, days which we dare not forget. He also allowed us to see the moment when he became a writer, an extraordinary gift to all of us who aspire to the writer's art.

Love Ruins Everything by Karen X. Tulchinsky; Press Gang, \$14.95.

Karen Tulchinsky took everyone's worst nightmare (a lover announcing to her partner, "I think we should become non-monogamous") and turned it into a rollicking, sexy, and very funny journey into the heart of relationships, with side trips to government conspiracies and parental angst. She took risks with plot and character and succeeded in making us believe in the possibility of happily ever after.

Passing Remarks by Helen Hodman; Ballantine, \$11

I cannot remember a novel that made me laugh as hard or as often as *Passing Remarks*. Combining sharp observations with real emotions, Hodman used language with exquisite care and consummate skill to create a novel that pleased on every level.

Shaman's Moon by Sarah Dreher; New Victoria, \$12.95

Sarah Dreher's seventh Stoner McTavish mystery was her best yet, a psychological thriller in which Stoner's willingness to believe in magic was the key to the plot, the danger, and the possibility of redemption. Using humor and romance to illustrate her characters' strengths and weaknesses, Dreher gave us a completely credible look at the world that lurks beyond the visible. ▼

What Girls Learn by Karin Cook; Vintage, \$13

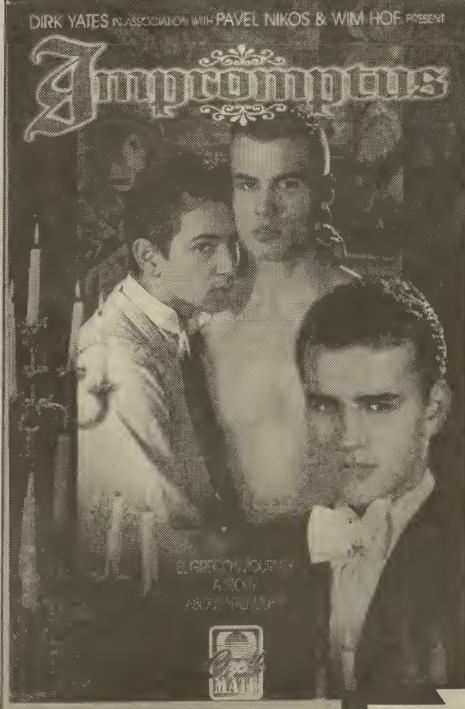
An extraordinary first novel, *What Girls Learn* was the story of an amazing mother and her two daughters and the ways in which they tried to cope with the mother's breast cancer. Laugh out loud funny, when your heart wasn't breaking, this novel explored mothers and daughters with power and warmth.

The Wolf Ticket by Caro Clarke; Firebrand, \$12.95

Caro Clarke's first novel was an extraordinarily engrossing tale of love at first sight in post-war Europe. She created a detailed and historically accurate picture of the ravages of the European war, and gave us characters we will always remember. *The Wolf Ticket* was a realistic romance, and a pleasure to read.

Finally, had I not had a hand in helping Nanci Little find Odd Girls Press, I would have included her newest novel, *First Resort*, in this list. My personal involvement aside, however, I do think that *First Resort* is an extraordinary novel, entertaining, touching, funny, sexy, all the things that we love in great fiction. Little's earlier novels, *Thin Fire* and *The Grass Widow*, marked her as a writer of skill and craft. With *First Resort*, she moves to that rarefied level where great writers hang out. ▼

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Best of modern dance, 1998

Inspirations of the year

by Aimée Ts'ao

I am not one for making lists, except for grocery shopping. The idea of ranking objects, people or events is confusing to me because I tend to think of as many aspects and variables as possible for each item, and that destroys any framework for judging each in relation to the others. On the other hand, I could make up a bunch of new categories for the dance performances I saw this past year. For example, the Greatest-disparity-between-brilliant-stage-design-and-insubstantial-choreography Award could go to Mark Morris for *The Hard Nut*. Or the Emperor's-new-clothes-vis-à-vis-a-50-year-old-myth Award to the New York City Bal-

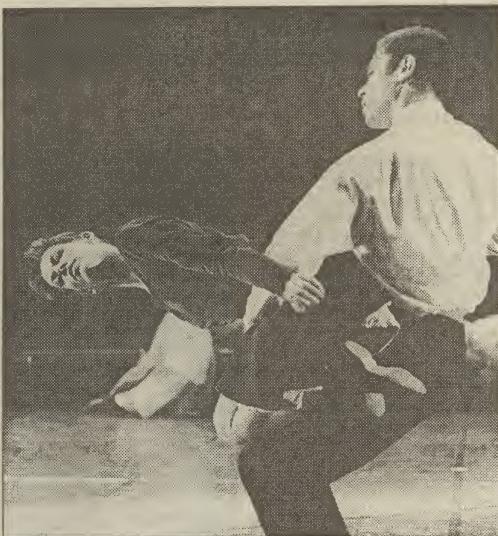
let. But I am trying to take this task seriously, so I will just keep to that which excited me. As I have yet to discover the secret of being omniscient and omnipresent, this list is not meant to be comprehensive. I probably didn't see your favorite, so don't assume that because it's not included, I didn't like it.

In attempting to list the season's picks in no particular order, I discovered I was at a loss where to begin, so I impartially pulled them out of hat! Really.

Betsy Erickson's *Beneath the Wake* — Choreographed for Oakland Ballet, this piece is a success on every level. To Philip Glass's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, Erickson not only created the undulating quality of

movement in the water through the actual steps but also in the manipulations of several groups of dancers in an ebb and flow. Her musicality is impeccable, and the sheer momentum of her phrasing and the way in which she orders and then reorders those phrases is hypnotic. Equally beautiful is the set by Sharon Shepherd. With its enormous range of colors and textures, it contributes significantly to the atmosphere invoked on stage. Patty Ann Farrell's lighting design is an integral part of the marriage of visual to kinesthetic as well. Her changing colors and angles make the painted backdrop seem to be an entirely different set every few minutes. In an era when stark, dramatic lighting and industrial aesthetics rule, I was happy to see that complex subtlety still has a place. Sandra Woodall's costumes further complement the visual appeal of this work.

Tomi Paasonen — The fertile imagination of this up-and-coming choreographer gave us four premieres this past year. During a



Cathy Peyan

Members of Ballet Preljocaj in *Noces*

three-month residency at the Jon Sims Center he created *Tube 57*, a futuristic exploration of the perception of time in which the protagonist has become immortal through genetic manipulation.

For *Summerfest/Dance*, he concocted the wacky *X*, a biting satire of the classical dance world. And

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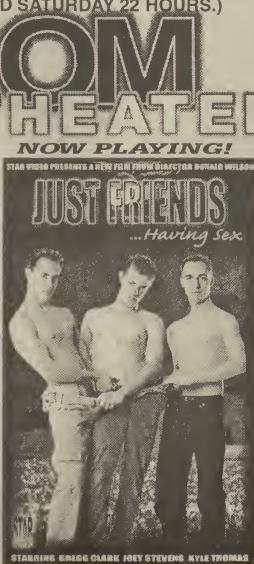
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Smitten and bitten

Best and worst of classical dance, 1998

by Stephanie von Buchau

Two local dance personalities — one a hard-bitten critic and the other an equally gimlet-eyed ballerina — said the same thing after the first act of Mark Morris' *The Hard Nut* this year: "I was in tears." That's exactly why Morris is the best thing to happen to local ballet in 1998.

In addition to the tenderness and rude japey of his *Hard Nut*, Morris also reprised *Maelstrom* for San Francisco Ballet (do you have any idea how difficult it is to choreograph Beethoven?), presented the local premiere of his campy *Lucky Charms* with the Mark Morris Dance Group in Berkeley, and staged Rameau's magical opera-ballet, *Platée*.

If you missed any of those

events, you can look forward to the world premiere of a new piece to Handel's choral anthem, *Dixit Dominus*, at Berkeley in March (given with *Love Song Waltzes* and *New Love Song Waltzes* to the same Brahms scores that Balanchine set for his *Liebeslieder Walzer* which SFB performed in the spring). Then the prodigal Morris slithers across the Bay Bridge in April to unveil *Sandpaper Ballet* (I'm itching already) to Leroy Anderson tunes.

Balanchine's 50 minutes of waltzes was SFB's best new choreography of the past season. They also dragged out the late Jerome Robbins' penny-dreadful *The Cage* — nothing dates as fast as

trendy pop psychology about the war between the sexes — but it served to introduce Lucia Lacarra, the new Spanish principal who spent most of the season injured, but not before her bitch goddess reduced several stalwart SFB boys to limp spaghetti.

Lacarra's star turn set the tone for a number of solo performances at SFB, in which the dancer was more important than the dance. Yuan Yuan Tan, the Shanghai beauty with the amazing extensions, did her best to elevate Helgi Tomasson's chic but meaningless confection *Silver Ladders*, though her partner Roman Rykin seemed miscast as a

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Marty Sohn

Yuan Yuan Tan and Vadim Solomakha, members of the SF Ballet

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tale. His forte is in combining dance, movement, costume, music, and text into a cohesive whole. Paasonen is not afraid to push to the limit, and more importantly, he is never boring.

Robert Moses — A charismatic performer, Moses never fails to make me want to get up and dance with him. His electric presence and the depth of his exploration of movement contribute significantly to the richness and sincerity of his choreography.

Axis Dance Company — This troupe of able-bodied and disabled dancers creates truly transcendent work. The point is not about what dancers of different abilities can or cannot do; it is that whatever anyone does on stage is performed with the greatest commitment, focus, tenderness, or vulnerability possible. The choreography itself is a constant unravelling and unveiling of possibilities, a blending of movement textures and shapes. It seems as if working with the physical limitations of some of the dancers has necessitated discovering more in-

novative ways of making ideas and feelings visible. Very inspirational.

Ballet Preljocaj — In this day of lowered expectations, it's rare that when we have high hopes we are even prepared to have them fulfilled. Seeing Ballet Preljocaj was one such epiphany. I had been looking forward to seeing the company for weeks and couldn't have set the stakes any higher for possible disappointment. Just reflecting back over the performance triggers the rush I got that night. Like all arts junkies, I keep going back to the theater, concert hall or museum hoping to repeat that indescribable high one experiences in the presence of artistic genius. The overall quality of this company, from the meticulous attention to detail to the broad artistic vision, kept me riveted the entire evening.

Zakir Hussain — The classical Indian tabla player provided the music for Lines Contemporary Ballet's performance of Artistic Director Alonso King's *Who Dressed You Like a Foreigner?* Not only does live music add immeasurably to a dance concert for the audience, but it can inspire the dancers to go beyond their self-

perceived limitations. Hussain displayed his mastery of his art in complete harmony with the dancing.

Joe Goode and Willis Bigelow — Twice, I saw these two perform a duet from Goode's *Deeply There, Stories of a Neighborhood*, and I would happily see it again and again. Goode, as the partner of a man dying from AIDS, and Bigelow, as the little boy (which he is) who wants to know where Ben is, dance and speak this touching piece with such authenticity that what could easily have become saccharine and cloying is one of the most sweet and tender pas de deux I've ever seen.

Butoh artists Katsura Kan, Akira Kasai, Masahide Omori — I thank the San Francisco Butoh Festival for giving me the opportunity to see these three Butoh performers. Despite the unevenness of the Festival, the appearance of Kan, Kasai and Omori more than compensated for the lack of consistency. All three are incredible performers and reaffirmed my faith in the ability of performers to achieve such astounding control over their bodies in service to higher artistic goals. ▼

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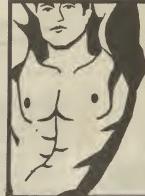
romantic foil.

Whatever one thinks of his choreography, Tomasson has a genius for matching partners. The Tan-Rykin duo was the result of an injury, but how did Tomasson guess that the politely schooled, quiet Vadim Solomakha would provide such a profound match for the volatile Tan? It was that old Fred-and-Ginger equation: He gives her class and she gives him sex appeal. Their *Swan Lake*, which drew any number of local ballet mavens to its second performance (nobody but the Bay Area Reporter bothered to cover their debuts) was the full-length highlight of the season.

Joanna Berman is another SFB dancer who is often superior to the choreography. Harald Lande's *Etudes* is entertaining, one of those educational "barre to grand jeté" pieces, but it was Berman's radiant 19th-century Sylph, with wafting ports de bras, that gave the work its cachet. Evelyn Cisneros announced her retirement after the 1999 season, and her last *Swan Lake* matinee was conducted by SFB's beloved music director, Denis de Coteau, who has been very ill. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Ballet performances I hated this season: Baryshnikov's endlessly self-indulgent solos for White Oak; the expensive, unmusical *Othello* choreographed by Lar Lubovitch for SFB; and an Italian troupe called Ballet Toscano that played only in Marin County. It purported to show man's ascent from tadpoles — I think — via a lot of dry humping. Hideous costumes, ridiculous music from chant to rock, and the most unintentionally hilarious anti-ballet bodies I've ever seen kept me and my companion in stitches.

Finally, farewell to Svetlana Beriosova, my first ballet crush, who died in London in the fall. Unfairly eclipsed at the Royal Ballet by the cult of Margot Fonteyn, the Russian-born Beriosova, in addition to having the most perfect legs, shaped my taste for dancers of elegance and mystery. She retired in 1976, and I've missed her ever since. ▼



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Composer/songwriter Mark Growden

Downstairs Karaoke

Here's a heads up for all you lovers of quirky, eclectic, theatrically inspired pop, rock, folk, and funk music. One of our city's previously unheralded but eminently praiseworthy young musical auteurs, **Mark Growden**, has just produced an infectiously fun album, *Downstairs Karaoke* (Wiggle Biscuit Records), and the CD release party coming up on Saturday, January 9 should be a real blast.

When I called Growden to ask him why, though he has been performing about town for years, he hasn't received greater recognition, he first had to calm down his two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, who was wailing in the background, before replying that his primary venues have been performance-art and dance spaces, where he frequently accompanies local talents, crafting original scores for their shows.

The album itself apparently is named for a real-life downstairs neighbor whose karaoke singing can be heard (recorded, on one short track) through the floorboards. That's only one of the delightfully crazy elements in a recording that bounces off walls, with everything but the kitchen sink thrown in to create a wild variety of songs, each skillfully executed by Growden and a host of fine accompanying musicians.

It starts off with a circus number on which Growden swerves drunkenly among xylophones, soprano sax, Grandma's organ, glockenspiel, bass pedals, baritone horn, accordion, bass drum, and cymbal, while adding his Beck-like vocals. Local percussion wonder Jim Santi Owens adds snare drum, hi-hat, and cymbals, while Myles Boisen plays electric guitar.

The tone changes dramatically on the fifth track, "Dirt Road," which is pure, unadulterated folk, with Growden's voice suddenly clear, unaffected, and perhaps a bit too sincere (he's generally at his best when he's being hammy).

Then things get alternately funky, with a gravelly-voiced ballad reminiscent of Tom Waits, and playful, with a Beck-like creation about a toy, "Squeaky P," a kind of rap slowed down to a ramble, with a squeaky homemade spike fiddle played by Peter Whitehead.

Downstairs Karaoke evolved from Growden's immersion in the world of performance art, and shows it with its sometimes jarring transitions of mood. But you can't helpliking this guy, or his music. ▼

Mark Growden's CD release party takes place Saturday, January 9, at ODC Theater, 3153 17th St. (at Shotwell). \$5. 8pm. Reservations: 863-9834. Joining Growden for the event will be more than a dozen local musicians and performers.



"Identity Stretch 1970-1975," part of Dennis Oppenheim's *Land Art 1968-1978* exhibit at Haines Gallery. See Thursday.

Fri

Lumiere Theatre

A search for hidden messages in heavy metal music; satanic lowlives in Madrid; a fanatic priest; goat-hoofed creatures; a mission to destroy the Antichrist; much blood and gore: all are elements in Alex de la Iglesia's *The Day of the Beast*, a devilishly dark horror comedy. Daily thru 1/7 @ 2:30, 5, 7:30, & 9:30pm (plus 2pm matinees Fri.-Sun.). Landmark's Lumiere Theatre, Califonia at Polk. 352-0810.

Roxie Cinema

"Purple Rain," Prince's film debut, made 15 years ago. \$6.50. Nightly at 7pm & 9:30pm; Sat/Sun/Wed matinees at 2pm & 4:30pm. Thru 1/6. 3117 16th St. (at Valencia). 863-1087.

Castro Cinema

Nicholas Roeg's *Don't Look Now* (1973), with Julie Christie and Donald Sutherland as a couple shattered by the death of their small daughter, who go to Venice to forget. There they get sucked into a terrifying ordeal. Daily thru 1/7 @ 1:45, 4:15, 7, & 9:30pm. Castro at Market. 621-6120.

Luna Sea

"Magique," a one-woman piece written and performed by Marsha Carruthers. The piece, about transformation and healing, deals with the "energy manifested with unconditional love." \$10-\$15 sliding. 8pm (7pm Sun.). Weekends thru 1/10. Luna Sea Women's Performance

Project, 2940 16th St., Suite 216-C. 863-2989.

New Conservatory Theatre Center

"Beautiful Thing," a story of young love triumphant against all odds, set in south-east London in 1993. Written by Jonathan Harvey, directed by Ed Decker. With Jamie Marks and Nathan Wheeler as two teenage boys who risk everything for happiness. \$20. 8pm. Thru 1/2/1999. 25 Van Ness Ave. (near Market). 861-8972.

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Exploratorium

San Francisco's popular museum of science, art, and human perception is open New Year's Day. Screening at 2pm today and Saturday in the museum's McBean Theater is "Palace of Delights," a 60-minute film nominated for an Emmy and produced for the TV series NOVA. The feature follows Exploratorium founder and then-director Dr.

Frank Oppenheimer as he inspires staff, visitors and students. \$9 (\$7 students/seniors). Regular visitor hours: 10am-5pm. Palace of Fine Arts, Marina Blvd. & Lyon St. Info: 561-0360.

Steve Freund, Apple Jack Walrath, Johnny Bamont, Bill Ortiz, and Paul Hanson. \$30. 8pm. 333 Eleventh St.

Sun

Victoria Theatre

San Francisco Lyric Opera presents three Bay Area tenors in concert: Colby Roberts, Christopher Corley, and Terrill with Robert Wood, accompanist. \$10. 2pm. 2961 16th St. (at Capp). Tix/info: 921-7410 or (650) 869-4899.

Freight & Salvage, Berkeley

Legendary Dixieland banjo master Dick Oxtot and his Golden Age Jazz Band celebrate Oxtot's 80th birthday. Virtually every player of consequence in the region has taken his or her turn on the bandstand with Dick. With Barbara Dane, Terry Garthe, Barbara Higbie and others. \$14.50 advance; \$15.50 door. 8pm. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Tix at BASS or by phone at (510) 601-TWEB. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Mon

Kimo's Showroom

"En Drag," a cabaret revue featuring glamorous female impersonators. Three shows, each different. First show at 10pm. \$10 (good for all shows). 1351 Polk St. (at Pine). 885-4535.

Tue

Mad Magda's

Opening reception for "Tranny Pile!! (and other love stories)" featuring the work of photographer Claire Johnson. She captures the wan moments of an after hour party hosted by Mistress Formica at the Litterbox in 1996. Part documentary, part paparazzi, these energetic photographs give insight into the working methods of this emerging artist who preserves the moment with her distinctive, humanist eye. Free. 7-10pm.

Mad Magda's Russian Tea Room, 579 Hayes St. 864-7654.

Kimo's Showroom

"Fauxgirls," an all-different female impersonation revue hosted by former Miss Gay Tennessee, Alexandra. Two shows, both different. First show at 10:30pm. Open mic drag show follows (Bring tape or CD). \$8 (good for both shows). 1351 Polk St. (at Pine). 885-4535.

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Adopt a Special Kid, Oakland

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Sacred River, 1998, oil on canvas, by Michael Almaguer, on exhibit at the S.F. MoMA Rental Gallery. See Wednesday.



Heaps of trannies enliven Claire Johnson's photographs at Mad Magda's. See Saturday.

and vocals; and J.T. Quillan III, vocals and theatics. They create an evening of "Prog/Punk/Vaudeville-of-the-future" multimedia, high-tech music theater. \$10. 8pm. 252 Ninth St. (btwn. Folsom & Howard). 289-2000.

Get Lost

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SFMOMA Rental Gallery

Reception for three Bay Area artists, sculptor Michael Carey, painter Joy Broom, and painter Michael Almaguer. Carey's wood pieces examine the deep spiritual link he observes between animal and human nature. Broom's work concerns her family relationships; within her paintings, the interaction of daily life and the forces of nature combine to address larger themes. Almaguer's paintings display his interest in the magic and surrealism created by the interaction of the human figure and the environment. Free. 5:30-7:30pm. Building A, Fort Mason Center. 441-4777.

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Footloose @ Venue 9

"Alabama Bound," on the back roads with some edgy Southern women, a solo performance with slides and photo exhibition. Featuring Charlotte Higgins recounting a ride through the dusty back roads of her native Alabama, meeting the flawed but likable women who live there. \$10. 8pm. Thru 1/23. 252 Ninth St. 626-2169.

Victoria Theater

Opening film & reception: San Francisco IndieFest. Tonight: "1999" by Nick Davis (1998, 35mm, 91min). A group of eclectic friends in New York's Greenwich Village gather for an eventful New Year's Eve party full of millennial angst and optimistic musing. Preceded by "Call Me Fishmael" by Steven Dovas (1997, 35mm, 3min). \$10. 8pm. 2961 16th St. (at Capp). Tix: 421-TIXS. Info: 289-6896.

Catherine Clark Gallery

Opening reception for "Unnatural?: A Photo-based Exhibition." Featuring works by Michael Rauner, David Berg, Michelle Handelman, Dario Montag, Gail Skoff, and Margo Weinstein. The question of what is real (either in terms of the "truth" in how the image was developed, or in the subject matter itself) is central to the premise of the included works. The mischie-

vous Rauner, for instance, avoids using a camera, instead trapping bits of organic matter (beard clippings, ear wax, etc.) in slide mounts, the resulting works recalling slide specimens. Free. 5:30-7:30pm. 49 Geary, 2nd floor. 399-1439.

Refusalon

Opening reception for an exhibition by Gay Outlaw and Graham Gillmore. Outlaw uses a minox spy camera to make photographic studies of form. Gillmore's works on paper present biomorphic forms thought bubbles that act as conduits for poetic graffiti. Free. 6-8pm. 20 Hawthorne St. 546-0158.

Robert Koch Gallery

Opening reception for "In the Wake of Progress," the photography of Ed Burtynsky. Free. 5:30-7:30pm. Show runs thru 2/20. 49 Geary St. 421-0122.

Haines Gallery

Reception and artist talk for Dennis Oppenheim's "Land Art 1968-1978," an exhibit of "photodocumentation." Free. Artist talk: 5-6pm. Reception: 6-7:30pm. Exhibit runs thru 2/13. 49 Geary St., 5th floor. 397-8114.

Freight & Salvage, Berkeley

Marley's Ghost plays Celtic-folk roots fusion. The quartet is much like English folk roots as Jamaican reggae, plus gospel, country, r&b, even Scottish bagpipe tunes. The group features Jon Wilcox's mandolin and guitar, Mike Phelan's electric, acoustic, lap steel, and resonator guitars and fiddle, Dan Wheatear's banjo, bass, and guitars, and Ed Littlefield's bagpipes and various guitars, including pedal steel. \$13.50 advance; \$14.50 door. 8pm. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Tix at BASS or by phone at (510) 601-TWEB. Info: (510) 548-1761.



"Rock of Ages, Active Section, E.L. Smith Quarry, #15," 1992, part of Ed Burtynsky's exhibit, *In the Wake of Progress* at Robert Koch Gallery. See Thursday.

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Wrapping up the old year

by Mister Marcus

As we head into 1999, it is only fitting to reflect on the past year. It's safe to say that some progress has been made in both our personal pursuits and as a community.

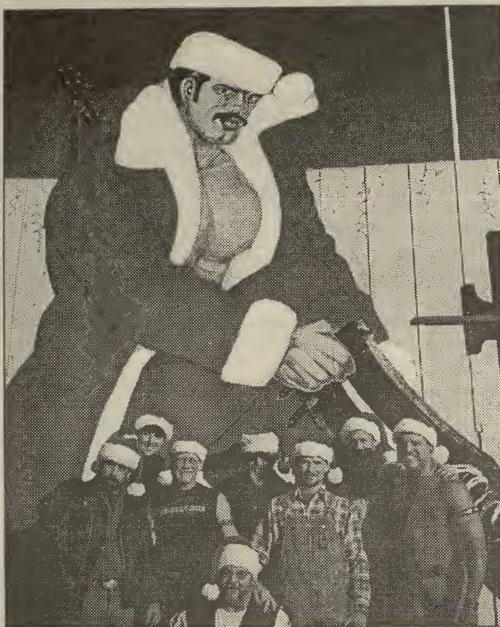
Thousands of dollars have been raised by both groups and events spearheaded by dedicated individuals, with the help of hundreds of volunteers. No group is without accolades.

Last weekend, more than \$4,000 was raised for the AIDS Emergency Fund by the Alameda County Leather Corps with their annual Santa's Slave Auction. Beerbusts each month by the Bears of San Francisco at the Lone Star made the tidy sum of \$3,873 for various charitable agencies. The monthly big basket contests at Eric Weinman's Edge Bar generated \$4,363 for the AEF as well. Bare Chest calendar sales for the 1999 calendar will generate a few thousand for the AEF, and Ingu Yun's Hoedown was right up there in the thousands. The Constantine's MC beer busts go mainly for the Sunday Brunches in the AIDS ward at SF General Hospital, and the Castro Lions' scavenger hunt and leather auction generate funds for various agencies as well.

Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners for the poor and the homeless are provided by the Tenderloin Tessie group and the AEF for their clients, and all of these events are successful because of dedication and, most importantly, all you volunteers out there.

Up at the Russian River, whose population consists, more or less, of former San Franciscans, residents have not forgotten their former roots. The folks there come through again and again for Face to Face and Food for Thought.

The East Bay, with the Alameda County Leather Corps and the Inland Empires court system working together, also generates funds for charitable agencies, and in the South Bay, numerous fund-raisers for the Billy DeFrank Cen-



This giant cutout of a macho Santa greeted patrons of LA's Faultline Bar this year. By Taurus Webster, of course!

ter, the ARIS Project and other agencies are all done in conjunction with leather people and the court system.

In short, the S.F. Bay Area takes care of its own. These efforts generate leather pride throughout the area. Aren't you glad you live here?

Next year looks promising as I peruse some of the events scheduled in the coming weeks and months. Lots of people will be heading for Washington, DC in January for the big Mid-Atlantic Leather weekend; leather contests are scheduled all across the nation to send men and women contestants either to American Brotherhood Weekend in Washington, DC in April or the International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago in May.

In February, the Bears of San Francisco have scheduled International Bear Rendezvous, but I

have yet to hear the tiniest details from anyone in the Inter-Club Fund about the Motorcycle Awards scheduled for the same weekend. The Bears of SF have named the recipients of this year's big event. They are The HIV in Prison Committee of California Prison Focus; The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California; and the Gay & Lesbian National Hotline, all worthy agencies. If you want more info on BOSF, call their hotline: (415) 541-5000 or click on their website: www.bosf.org.

Raw dish

Nasty reports coming my way in the past few days about the attitude of that new bar on Castro St. (formerly Castro Station). Leather people have been told that they are not welcome! Excuse me? Either the management or some queen-y bartender should get a grip. This is San Francisco, not Hiawatha, Kansas! Harrumph!

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(L. to R.) Holiday greetings from Int'l. Mr. Deaf Leather Jeff Dell, Int'l. Megan DeJarlais, Int'l. Drummer Boy Ryan Goldner, Int'l. Mr. Drummer Hervé Bernard, and Int'l. Mr. Leather Tony Mills.

Mister Marcus

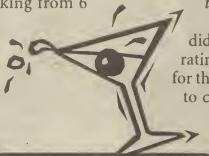
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Rendezvous with destiny

by Sweet Lips

As you probably all know, the Rendezvous is closed due to the fire at the Leland Hotel, but Yours Truly, Sweet Lips, will be on the plank at the 1100 Club, formerly the Polk Gulch Saloon, but all newly remodeled (unlike moi). I shall be working from 6 a.m. till noon Thursday through Sunday, so do drop by and have a libation with me.

Yes, Susie Cartwright works the afternoon shift, and she is collecting clothes, blankets, etc. for the victims of the Leland fire. The Giraffe Bar is having a party for the staff of the Rendezvous on Jan. 9 from noon till whenever. An auction, a raffle, and a buffet by Chef Dennis ("Hollandaise 'n' Holly") Tyler,



Cocktail Hour

and what a nice gesture that is.

Polk parties

Now for some Polkstrasse New Year's Eve parties — the 1100 Club (Polk and Post) will be having a New Year's Eve bash with music by DJ Joe Fera, party favors, champagne and cocktail specials. No cover charge — now that's special.

Mike and his elves did a fantastic job decorating the Reflections bar for the holidays, so be sure to catch him and Chris New Year's Eve on the plank. There will be plenty of food, fun, and prizes, plus champers and all the party goodies possible, as they blast into 1999.

Kim's and Tyler invite you to celebrate the New Year with their brand-spankin'-new bartender, Gabe Hernandez. No cover, and a sneak preview of the new Club



Lips gets dolled up.

Star 69.

Join the Giraffe for New Year's Eve: free bubbly at Midnight (OK, so it's probably not Dom Perignon), balloons and festivities. Come dance the last night of the year away.

The fabulous Mame of Portland AKA David Hamilton will be here New Year's weekend as Mame turns 65 years young on New Year's Day.

Here's wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Come up and visit me sometime — now I'm at the 1100 Club, and they're lucky to have me. ▼

Mister Marcus

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Hey, there are some 130 bars/restaurants/discos in this Bay Area. Why go where you're not welcome? Money talks. Bullshit walks. Get a Grip!

And speaking of bars, it is damn good, to see nice crowds, in full leather and/or uniforms, at the Loading Dock these days. The owner sticks to his guns in imposing a dress code, and good for him! You may have your own opinion, but astute locals and out-of-towners have crowned the Loading Dock as "The," repeat, The Leather Bar of San Francisco. At least you don't have to put up with giggling and perfumed queens with white sneakers. Man talk prevails as opposed to screeching about that latest Vitamin E beauty product at Macy's!

And word was out last week that Bob Brunson will shortly become the sole owner of River Business up the RushRiv. I guess Lou has had his fill of the bar business!

Cooked dish

Looks like marriage is the trend these days. After all, you have to stay warm somehow, don't you? Calendarman Jon Ayers (aka Frank Parker) is still playing the domestic partner role, and seems to have retired from the erotic porno industry. Former Int'l. Mr. Leather "Iron" Mike Pereyra is so enthused about his new squeeze (Chris Little, winner of the Alec Baldwin Look-Alike Contest), he took said dude home to San Diego to meet his mother. Do I hear wedding bells in the Southland?

One lucky queen who had been saving his pennies (and selling his bookstore tokens to tourists) for months so he could buy a new computer after Christmas, when discounts abound, was pleasantly surprised last Wednesday when he was summoned for cocktails at Daddy's. There, much to his surprise, six or seven people revealed they had chipped in to buy him a state-of-the-art computer that does everything but give you sex! There were "condi-

tions" of course! Said queen must begin immediately to write that book on the leather community. Publisher and editor await at least three chapters of the tome by March 22nd. The cover has been designed already! Said queen better get busy, I'll tell you! One hates to see grown men cry when their toys are taken away!!

So here we are on the brink of the last year of the century. Can you believe it? If we keep up our fundraising, consciousness raising, and welcoming our youth, there seems to be no limit to our abilities to make this a better world for ourselves and others.

To that end, I know you will all participate wherever and whenever you can to make things happen for the good of our struggles for acceptance, our dedication to helping the less fortunate, and to keep the spirit alive that makes leather pride an integral part of living. You have all done a marvelous job so far, and 1999 should be a glittering exercise in continuing as you have in the past. Have a happy new year. See you in 1999! ▼

EVENTURES IN LEATHER

Friday, January 1

Tonight at about 0400, check into the Aftershock dance party at 715 Harrison, lasting until 1600 Saturday! That's after you check out all the other parties at Pleasuredome, The Stud & other dance venues.

Sunday, January 3

The final six bare chest calendar guys will be auctioned off with lots of dinner dates, videos, & surprises at the \$8 beer bust at the Eagle, from 1500-1800. Don't miss this one!

Wednesday, January 6

Leathermen's Discussion Group meets in a new venue, Club Eros on Market, at 1930. Hal Heller and Tala Brandeis will pound on Percussion Play w/Paddles, Canes, Whips and Floggers. Leather wear encouraged. Call 551-0871 for info.

Thursday, January 7

The 2000 Bare Chest calendar contests begin with the selection of Mr. January tonight at the Powerhouse, at 2130. Kym Whittington of Australia will be one of the judges. Win \$100, glory, fame, and passes to Blow Buddies & Leather Buddies.

Big Basket contest at The Edge. Danny Williams emcees, the Old Bag kibitzes, win \$100,

and join in the beer/soda bust. Hi Eric!

Saturday, January 9

Don Gallup celebrates his birthday with his annual Black Birthday III Party, from 1900-2400, to benefit the Castro Lions Fund. (by invitation only; bring checkbook, or Donna Sachet will scold you!).

Weekend, January 15-18

In Washington, DC, the annual Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather weekend. Tony Mills steps down. Madness and bedlam in the capital — they didn't get enough with the Clintons.

Portland Uniform Weekend VIII in Oregon, sponsored by *In Uniform* Magazine and the AUA. Details on these two events next week.

Saturday, January 16

DC Chapter of the Men of Discipline celebrate their 4th anniversary at the DC Eagle, during Mid-Atlantic Leather. Wear your uniform to the St. Sebastian temporary piercing & bonding scene that night.

Mr. Daddy's Bear contest @ Daddy's, at 1900. Winner represents Daddy's at Int'l. Mr. Bear contest in February.

Bears of SF beer/soda bust, from 1500-1800, \$7, at the Lone Star, to benefit Int'l. Bear Rendezvous scholarship fund. Hi Jason!

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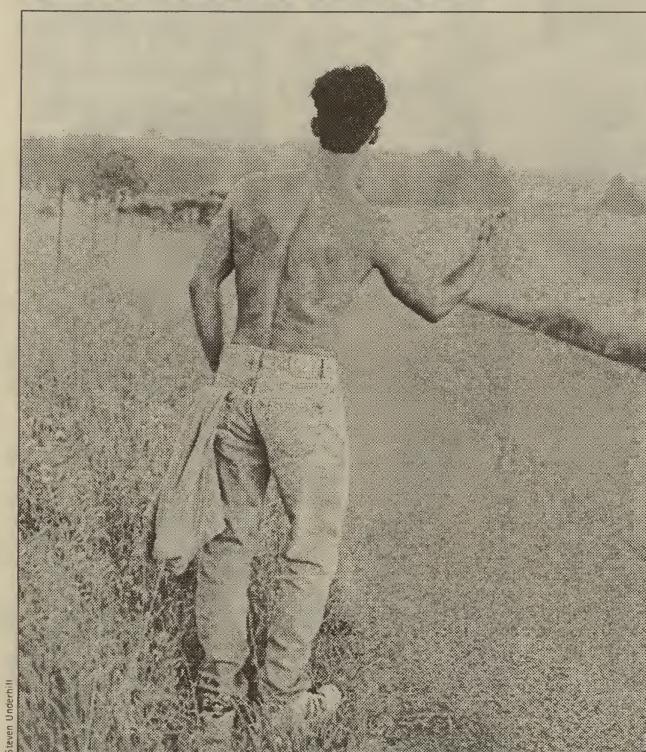
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Teus 11/17 Midnight Sun

You were in the back with a friend. Blonde, goatee & eyes that made me melt. You told me I had a beautiful smile as you left. Please call. ☎ 5200

Neil Friday Night 10/30/98

You touched me in such an incredible sensual way, with passionate rhythm felt by few. Too good to let slip away... When I see you again, we will smile. Troy. ☎ 5201

Cute Redhead Tower Records

Mon, 11/23. You: cute red head with short braided friend. Me: blue cap and eyes, dark beard. I stared, you stared. Wish we exchanged numbers or did more. Please call. ☎ 5202

Russell Duhaime!!!!

You are wonderful!! You, too, have beautiful eyes! I'm yours, call me! ☎ 5203

Gold's Gym Monday 11/16

Afternoon. Matching tattered blue towels; steam, sauna. I'm not a member; would enjoy a chance to talk with you again. Rob. ☎ 5204

Big Game Berkely to SF Bart

You: CAL cap Khaki's, sweater, boots. Me: Black Jacket sitting @ map. You squatting @ door. Exposed your Calvin Kleins...then got off Ashby. Please call. David. Make me smile. ☎ 5246

22 Fillmore @ Oak 9am Tues

You: ☺ turning! Dark hair, eyes, Walkman, Me: Light bl/r hair, blue-green eyes. He ya eye contact, but too shy to speak. Call me so we can connect! ☎ 5300

Sun 11/29 J Church to Powell

U: Gelling, great smile, stache/go-t, in all black, talking wifemate frnd in shiny jacket. Me: short blk hair, stache/go-t, blk denim jacket. We smiled. Wish I'd said hi. Call me. Let's talk. ☎ 5903

Opera - Norma 11/28 - 12:45pm
Exchanged glances outside & inside, while you were in ticket line. Both dressed in blue. Me: 5'9", glasses. You: taller, dark blond. Let's talk. ☎ 5304

Man With Yam Seeks Pineapple
Laurel Village Cal Mar, ☎ at. 11/28 3:15pm. I waited outside but you left through the front. I said hi now it's over. ☎ 5305

Cute Asian Boy At Buddies
Met you twice at Buddies. Got you off four times. Last time was on a Fri. Me: tall Asian with ♀ peeps baseball cap. Too shy to talk after. Call me! ☎ 5306

N Juda Train Nov. 18 9-9:30pm
You: Black Male-Trench coat, Me: White male- Pea coat standing w/friend. Included you in conversation about reading people. Got off @ Duboce. Would like to see you again. ☎ 5307

SPCA Adoption Ctr Sun Nov 29

You: Red? running shorts (great legs!), short blondish hair, mid-30s (?), wandering around. Me: sort, goatee, in shorts. L. ☎ 5308

PASQUA 12/6 @ 8:00pm

I smiled ☺ from across the room... several times. You: Blk short hair, blue shirt & glasses. You were sitting with 2 friends, one older, the other blonde hair. Me: Blk short hair, big smile, blue sweatshirt w 2 friends. Sitting in corner. Wanted to talk? ☎ 5309

Terry AirCanada Thanksgiving

We spoke in to Toronto. U: Handsome dressed in black, short hair & glasses. Me: ☺ hair, green eyes, bright smile. Call to get mile-high membership! ☎ 5400

N' Touch Wed 12/2 midnight Blue

Your Handsome white guy w/yellow rain coat. Me: Asian white/black jeans and blue V-neck shirt. Too shy to talk to you. ☎ 5401

You Floored me at Elreyo 12/3

You, hunky, bearded bald headed friend. Me: mid 30s, buzz cut, goatee, unbuttoned flannel shirt, caught your eye. ☎ 5402

Club Universe 12/12

You: Blue shirt, long zipper. Me: baseball cap, nipple rings. Wanted to talk but had to go. Please call. You're adorable. ☎ 5507

Mark

We met Wednesday 12/9. Your # went through the wash. Please leave it at this mailbox. Tony. ☎ 5508

Roger? 201 Mission 13th fr.
You introduced yourself on Thurs. 12/3. I was delivery person. I was training new person. Elevator came, you left. Hopefully not for long. Lunch on 28th fr? or just coffee? ☎ 5501

You're Absolutely Gorgeous!!!!
That's what I told you as I left "The Cafe" on Sat 12/5. Wish I'd asked for your #. You take my breath away! Can we meet? ☎ 5502

Dame Edna Wed 12/2/Intermission
You: Dark good looks, front row. Me: GWM, 1L, brown/green eyes. Eyes met in bar friend went for drink. You said hello at end of show. Call? ☎ 5503

#42 Thurs 12/10 10am
You sat next to me on bus. You got my attention. I got off at Clay, would like to meet you. ☎ 5504

Cost Plus, Eve of Nov 18
You: ☺ ex silver fox, baseball cap brown leather jacket, black spandex shorts, brown sandals; left in gold Lincon. Me tall, brown hair/goatee, Khaki pants/shirt. Let's meet. Please call. ☎ 5505

1/4 Will - Grand Hyatt
I picked you up and gave you a ride home. My phone rang and interrupted us. My situation has changed. Give me a call! ☎ 5506

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You touched me in such an incredible sensual way, with passionate rhythm felt by few. Too good to let slip away... When I see you again, we will smile. Troy. ☎ 5600

Pine Taylor Market Mon. 12/14
We exchanged glances on Pine St. around 9:30am. You went into Market but couldn't wait. I'm Asian male in blue/black sweater. Care to talk? ☎ 5601

Bobbie SF Bear Dad Needs To
Talk w/you, you left ph#, but it was incomplete. Said you were blb 26, regular. Call & lv complete #, speak slowly. ☎ 5602

Mike @ Steamworks mon 12/14/98

You: Black Baseball cap - Room 252. Me: Big thick dick, big balls. I fucked your ass royally, you thought it was great. Me too. I want more, lots more. Dean. ☎ 5603

Sat 12/5 You Catered A Small

Party in the Oakland hills. Me: shaved head, goatee. Wanted to give you my # but chickened out. Would love the chance to know you. Interested? ☎ 5500

Sweet Inspirations on Market

Sun 11/29 9:30pm. Me: white jacket talking with friend. You: handsome blonde, great smile. We left, but I returned to see you. You were gone. Come together? Please call. ☎ 5302

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SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Looking for Older HIV+ BM
GWM, bottom, 54, 5'10" 210lbs, HIV+, looking for HIV+ & B to explore the possibilities of a relationship. Interested in concerts, dining out, plays, travel. I live in Oakland. ☎ 5604

Sexbuddy Wanted
GWM, 33, seeks same, 20s-30s, for playful sex and friendship. Me: ☺ exy, brainy, submissive, slightly kinky. Into film, books, cycling, indie/drama, pale, pierced, skinny boys especially welcomed. NS please. ☎ 5244

Mexican Milk
Bl WM, 48, clean, discreet, oral wants mexican friends in ☎. No drugs, no \$ no reciprocation. My place or ?. ☎ 5206

Bottom Looking for top Boyfriend
GWM, 28, 5'8", 165, looking for LTR. We are both physically fit, masculine and HIV-. NS, ND. Take a chance. ☎ 5207

50ish Man Seeks 40ish Same
I'm HIV+, tall, thin, successful, and have a real life I'd like to share. Career potential. ☎ 5405

Asian Top Seeking GWM Bottom
Asian, 57", 130#, slender, nice dick, seeking GWM, winice body but not thin, muscular guy with facial hair A+. ☎ 5406

GWM 46 5'8" 190# Seeks GAM
Under 40 for LTR. I have thin lite brown hair/wiggy. I am 30-40# overwt. Tired of just sex. Want sex and fun. ☎ 5208

Daddys Little Freak
GWM 28yo, 5'11" 160#, lean, tight body, tattooed, pierced, flat top, great ass, bondage whore ISO Dad 30-45 who is aggressive, attractive, looks like a freak like me. ☎ 5209

Butch Bucking Bottom
GWM 48, HIV+, 5'8", 140#, 8"cut, tight ass/circumcised, hairy with equally hungry mouth, looking for hot butch top interested in starting a romantic sensual relationship! ☎ 5210

Handsome Loving Hunkyman
Accm. GWM seeks passionate relationship poss. LTR. I'm 5'2", 190#, 42, very muscular, goated Italian. Fun, sincere, exclusively family oriented, healthy as a horse HIV+ - non-progressor, puppy love to leather, sexually charged for relationship. ☎ weeks similar 35-45yo. GWM, GWM, grounded, gay relationship open to work. A man to look me in the heart, so we can die for each others souls. Facial hair and body builder A+. Good credentials and character a must. ☺ serious only please. Call.... ☎ 5211

Asian Wanted

GWM, 52, 5'8", 175, brn/bl, beard, HIV+, seeks relationship with warm, loving, and lusty Asian GWM. ☎ 5212

Masochist Seeks Asian/Pacific
Me: 31, 5'10", 160#, blonde, professional, spiritual, submissive. You: Are you sincere, Nervous/aroma tolerant, relationship-oriented, under 40? ☎ 5213

Rubber Boy ISO Leather Man
GM, 5'8", 145#, 38, pox, centered, affectionate, educated, groomed; for handsome GWM/Daddy/master/butch/boy into sex, motox, art. ☎ 5214

Inexperienced Music Blond Bottom
40 good looking have smooth tan line, great ass, seeks romantic, fit, down to earth, music guy with creative fingers. Would like to break me in slowly and regularly. ☎ 5215

Financially Secure Male Wanted

By me. I'm educated, good looking, creative, intelligent. ☺ seeking the right guy for fun or a relationship. ☎ 5216

Wanted: A Happier New Year!
HIV+, 35, 160, Handsome, natural blond, blue eyes, seeks caring, sexy, GWM/HIV+. For LTR. Let's stop playing games and start living! Darker hair preferred - not required. Romance and sincerity are! ☎ 5309

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Seeking Asian

Attractive prof male 24-38 by attractive 27yo GWM. GWM regular likes music, movies, gym. Wants LTR with commitment oriented A guy who's responsible but still knows how to have fun. ☎ 5311

Can It Be Possible That There

Are no uncut, 35-55yo men out there looking for a LTR? Dating them!?!? GWM 45 blu/blrn, cowboy, ☺, B/F, butch, cut 8" plus. Hones, sincere. ☎ 5312

I love Muscular Nice Guys

Hot in-shape GWM, 34, 5'9", 140lbs, br/grn, seeks hot, very muscular man, any race. I'm fun, safe, HIV-, you be too. Pls. ☎ 5513

PASSION & ADVENTURE

Only the creative live life! 30s blue eyed blond European guys Frenchmen, European or Latin 20s-40s. ☎ 5315

Free Massage
GWM, Ex-Massage therapist, 6', 165lbs, 40, Ger/Ital, br/hz offers free massage to lean, wiry, dark haired caucasian tops. Let me rub you the right way. ☎ 5316

Holiday Shopping Break
Need a break from all that shopping? Live like a king at under \$100. Day lit. I am bottom 5'8", salt/pepper, small tache, av bld. You are tall & good looking top. ☎ 5317

FT to South Bay
GWM, 63, 5'9", 140, HIV-, ISO older gay Asian or White guy. Friendship, movies, dinners, sex. Let's talk. ☎ 5318

Seekin Older Top
38 GWM black hair, brown eyes, 160bs, 5'9". Looking for older hot top. Hairy and big size men pluses. ☎ 5319

Our Mature Pleasures
Retired transplant from Boston, now ☎, tall, NS, fun loving, friendly. My fun includes femwear, traveling, safe oral mutualty, fantasy, light B&D. Never too late to learn. What are your pleasure? ☎ 5320

Do You Have an Easy/Relaxed Lifestyle?
One that's not too hurried. I'm Asian 38yo, HIV-, I'm smoker ND/Alcohol. If you're 40-50GWM that's non-materialistic & have a good heart, you may be the man for me. ☎ 5404

Sonoma County Skiing Sex Buddy
Asian, 57", 130#, slender, nice dick, seeking GWM, winice body but not thin, muscular guy with facial hair A+. ☎ 5406

GWM HIV+ Seeks GMW

Me: ☺ single, NS, ND, 41, 5'4", 145#, Br/gr, cute, cuddly, romantic, considerate, professional, healthy, athletic, ISO in same as myself. ☺ GWM for dating & LTR. You: 35-45, + 5'10", fit. ☎ 5452

Tricks Are for Kids
Latino male 32, 5'8" 210 stocky build looking to meet guys for friendship and hopefully more. You are under 40 HIV-. Ready for a boyfriend. ☎ 5210

Top Daddy Needed
By submissive bottom boy, 39, WM, 5'7", 140, moustache, goatee, tattoos, and in shape. Dad should be older and larger than boy. ☎ 5410

Seeking Smooth Hairless Asian
Very attractive, 42yo cauc, muscular, honest caring. Looking for an athletic, smooth Asian in F or E. Bay. Pls be sincere. ☎ 5411

Attractive Latino

Goodlooking Latino 33yo, dark hair, br eyes, goatee, 5'7" 150# HIV+. Looking for romance and love with similar, goodlooking, down-to-earth, fun loving, muscular lime-warm hearted guy. ☎ 5414

White Boxer Briefs

Muscular guys like getting it on with other dudes who are built in but huggable white boxer briefs. ☎ 5218

Hot Horny Cocksocker GWM
38, HIV+, 180#, 8' cut, loves to suck on nice uncut men 21-45 with 8" or more. Latin, Europeans, Italians turn me on. ☎ af. No drugs herb ok. ☎ 5219

Thirsty Black Cock Craving

Straight acting, sexy, Slutty, smooth & selective ☺ icilian, 5'8", 150+, 30"-waist 7X5" cut and have balls/ass, bld, firm, lime. ☺ seeking horse lung black dicks. ☎ 5220

Romantic prof GWM seeks Dating

GAM/GWM, 25-35s to share movies, art, dining, each other in ☎. F possible. LTR. I am a handsome 5'6", 135lb, br/bl, HIV-, 46yrs. ☎ 5512

LTR for Threesome *HIV+*

Want to explore the possibility of an alternative relationship? Looking to build a 3 way live in LTR. Me: educated, traveled, activist, like to entertain, cook, laugh, workout, versatile, like leathermen, very sexual, 53yo, 5'11", 175 br/bl, HIV+, br/aroma. You: educated, have traveled, professional, outgoing, financially stable, 30-40yo, good shape, spiritual, versatile. No: drug dependencies, possessiveness, unemployed or heavy drinkers. ☎ 5513

Mouthman Seeks Steady Position

Deeply down for aggressive affection, exotic down, complicit, pleasure. Prone. Prolonged wallowing, clean, drug-free. I'm passionate, bright, all male. Dogheart, WM 52, 5'8" 175#, br/grey, doggy gummy. Bald, short hair/beard. Healthy HIV+. ☎ 5514

Elements of Desire

GWM HIV+ 47yo 5'10" bottom 18, 30yo into toys, music, video. Any race, East Bay, slender A+. ☎ 5515

OLDER MEN WANTED

Sissy TV bottom, loves wearing lipstick, lingerie & heels, seeks older WG men for dating, LTR, marriage, couples, all races welcome. ☎ 5527

Strong Daddy Seeks Loving Son
Big strong dominant daddy 5'8" 175+, GWM seeks younger obedient loyal submissive GWM son under 50 well built, eager to please for steamy LTR. Be single or don't call. ☎ 5605

Santa, Bring Me A Daddy!

Fit, sexy, groomed son wants to experience finer things with an older, adventurous, caring, intelligent and financially fit Dad. Not an escort- just want a dad! Let's explore this city! ☎ 5606

Aggressive Asian Men

Please dominate me socially and sexually. I'm GWM 6' 165lbs, trained to be obedient in S.E. Asia, I'm all yours anytime. Vietnamese welcome. ☎ 5607

Survivor of The 70's

Vibrant, creative Barracks/Hot House Veteran seeks trim natural masculine GWM (cologne free/NS). Hanging out with possibilities: no Republicans, no accountants. ☎ 5608

Short Term/ Long Term

ISO WM, Latino or Asian with good height/weight proportion, disease free for mutually satisfying oral encounters. ☎ 5609

Oversed Older GWM ISO Love

Winner, strong, dominant, alpha 5'6", 175+, GWM seeks younger obedient loyal submissive GWM son under 50 well built, eager to please for steamy LTR. ☎ 5610

Wake Up In My Arms.....

Latin-Caribbean GM, 53yo HIV+, prof, into arts, music, films, and liberal causes. Sks honest, healthy, sex, GWM w/similar interests. I'm economic independent & like to travel. Intellectual capacity more important than looks. Up to 50 Bisexual/Middle Eastern/Mediterranean men with children A+. ☎ 5611

Down And Out

I sk sum 1 who is insane, down and out and wants to talk. ☎ 5612

Wanted: White Collar Mass. Slave

For free bi-monthly prof. massage my way. You be masculine, 5'10", sensat. Must arrive in shirt and tie. Must meet first. Any race ok. ☎ 5613

Shy Passionate Individual

Hispanic/native American seeks L/A/F for roller blading movies, dining, friendship and yes... sex. I'm 56 ISO 33yo. Is this you? Let's talk. ☎ 5614

Ex Tower Zombie

22 GWM 6ft 165lbs athletic build: short brn/blu, clean-cut, straight looking acting, seeking cowboy 20-30 ND for LTR. ☎ 5615

Hot Witch/Bik/Latin Capricorn Top

Shy, loving, HIV+ bottom Tauras, 36, 6', 6", blu/blr, bld/sks, feels sunny, blunt, workaholic goat, soulmate, boyfriend. I won't tie you down or fence you in. Come over and graze awhile. ☎ 5616

SEEKING ADVENTURE

Opposites Attract

Horse-Hung Italian Top seeks hot, in-shape, eager to please bottom with a small dick and tight butt. Any race. ☎ 5217

White Boxer Briefs

Muscular guys like getting it on with other dudes who are built in but huggable white boxer briefs. ☎ 5218

Hot Horny Cocksocker GWM

38, HIV+, 180#, 8' cut, loves to suck on nice uncut men 21-45 with 8" or more. Latin, Europeans, Italians turn me on. ☎ af. No drugs herb ok. ☎ 5219

Thirsty Black Cock Craving

Straight acting, sexy, Slutty, smooth & selective ☺ icilian, 5'8", 150+, 30"-waist 7X5" cut and have balls/ass, bld, firm, lime. ☺ seeking horse lung black dicks. ☎ 5220

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All I Want For Christmas....

Is a spiritual fuckbuddy. Handsome, hung, versatile stud seeks a partner with an open heart to explore sexual connection. I'm a healthy positive with a body like a Roman statue. ☎ 5415

Oral Sex Companions

Looking to service well-endowed 7", under 50, lean masculine men. One or more. No recip is necessary. I am in My 50s, 5'10", 150#, dark br hair. ☎ 5328

GWM Mid 30s Needs Directing

Can you take me? Can you make me your boy or slave? Are you the authoritarian person for me? I'm waiting..... ☎ 5226

Straight Masculine Mature WM

My fantasy involves hung cut WM 65+, jacking off inches from my face while I'm on my knees waiting for your hot cock to explode on my face! ☎ 5227

My Doctorate in Fellatio

Requires passing oral exam. Well practice makes perfect! ☎ Report my higher education by showing a massive load from my sucking you off so well. You'll want to repeat. ☎ 5228

Italian Sks 6AM

For hot daytime weekday workouts. Must be 100% bottom, smooth & willing to service this hung stud. ☎ 5229

Passionate About Life

Sexy/Spiritual Latin/Asian Bi age 5'8" 135#, boyish mid thirties seeking slender fit playful spirits 25-40 for movies, walks, dancing, mischief. Redheads A+. ☎ 5231

Daddy Seeks Asian

For weekly encounters. I am total top & need to be orally serviced by hot Asian bottom in the day time. ☎ 5232

Asian or Latino Wanted for Fun

GWM 43, 140lb, HIV+, looking for early morning erotic encounters with GWM or GLM, 25-45. Your place, friendship, fun & casual. Are you an early morning riser? ☎ 5233

This is About U Sucking Me Off

That's what this is about. Me: WM 36, everything in proportion to handsome. Looking for same, LTR desired. ☎ 5234

Handsome Hung Muscular Italian

Seks guys hung, handsome, in-shape,

ready for hot sex top to bottom and very open/mind open hole. ☎ 5235

In Dg Shape Oral Blk Btm

Seeking top dom kink & launch. Avail eve & wk ends. ☎ 5236

ISO: Stud Fuckers

Italian stud bottom, 45, 6', 180#, goatee, buccut, ISO of hot top stud fuckers. Castro location weekends 12-5am. ☎ 5321

Sex AM Seeks GWM

Filipino, 30, handsome, professional seeks GWM tops for regular pumping.

Big blond frat types a+. ☎ 5322

TV TS Fem Boy

Mixed BM 5'11", 175, 44yo gym toned and attractive seeks to date passable TV/TS or fem boy to age 40. ☎ 5323

Big Dick Seeks Big Tits

GWM, 6'2", 175lbs, smooth, looking for well-built men who appreciate my big hose. ☎ 5324

Big Black Chest Men

Seeking large black men with big chest and nipples, hot and intense sessions working those tits and more. ☎ 5325

The British Are Best

Big uncut British cock-head on scholarly gen!, 45, available for fun and games with submissive Anglophilic boys (18-30). ☎ 5326

Gays Assume I'm Top but I'm not!
I love worshipping a thick cock and low hangers and having my man pussy fucked/pounded with. Me: masculine good looks, tall, in-shape brn/blu, goatee, 43yo. You: masculine, 25-55yo, HIV-. ☎ 5329

ISO Asian Gang Bang

Hairy-cheested, 6'3", 195lbs, slim-muscular build, GWM with hot mouth and ass seeks 2-3 or more smooth-cheested, GWM and or GLM group action. You supply the gang, I'll supply the place. ☎ 5330

Hairy Beast With Juicy Dick

Seeks bucky with slim to muscular build, and hairy 50yo, 6', 175, ☎ 5331

Sexy Cute Bottom

Masculine ☎ spanish/italian, yng 40s, 5'7", Brn/blr, mustache, 140lbs, very well proportioned w/beautiful hairy butt. I have a boy body. You - attractive masculine 5'8"+, 28-40. ☎ 5332

Back To Basics

44yo GWM 5'6", 140. Blonde seeks another GWM who likes wearing torn & worn out 501's, black leather jacket and military boots (all lagger) sexual adventures in this attire. ☎ 5416

Handsome Top Wants Some Butt
Or a nice soft mouth. 8 inches looking for warm holes to fill. In-shape, 38, goatee, blonde and love a good time with you. ☎ 5417

Just Shut-Up & Ride!!!!!!
WM, 33, 5'10", 200lb blond/blue muscle hunk- 48" x 32" w, 18" arms. Wants goodlooking masculine men to pump me or get pumped till we squirt. Also love to get massaged and jerked off. Anytime. ☎ 5419

Slim Smooth Btm Boy Wants Dad
5'9" 145# Blond-brown needs music, hairy dad to handle & fondle - beautiful butt ready for daddy-eager and ready. ☎ 5420

GWM Seeks GBM
5'10" 160#, HIV+, bottom, 44, looking for sex, friendship, possibly LTR, besides sex would like to get out & do things. Like books, movies, outdoor walks. ☎ 5421

Blond Top Seeks Rimmers
Handsome uncut, hairy chest, inshape well hung top with a great butt wants some tongue action from guys who want to find the right spot. ☎ 5422

Sadists Wanted by Hot Sub
Sex slave, torture subject, and urinal available for big-dicked sadists. ☎ 611, 41, shaved head, tattoos, experienced, WE, TT, CBT, BD, ☎ M. Make me your squirming bare cunt. ☎ 5423

Straight seeks over 65 Hung WM
My Asian girl friend want to watch me on my knees as you grab back of my head and fuck my virgin throat-shooting your hot load on my face. ☎ 5424

Big Bears Big Daddies
GBM, 5'11", 250lbs, 45yo, big chest, hung seeks big, husky and pleasantly fat, men for uninhibited sex. My size or bigger only. Description. ☎ 5425

Black, Latin on White
You: exy, top for this kinky tight butt bottom, service you front and back, uncot hot, nasty mind hotter! 20-45 and slender CK me out! ☎ 5426

Looking For Hot Passionate Fun
You: 25, fit, interested in hot play, kissing, hugging and good friendship. Asian, Latina, Black A+. Me: 42, WM, 145lbs, healthy, young attitude. ☎ 5516

Masseur at Your Service
GWM semi-retired, prof. husky, hirsute, wrestler's build offers free massage for str.-acting married or single athletic males. ☎ 5517

Wanted: Hot HIV+ Mansex
I'll suck your big cock til' hard. Fuck me long and slow for hour(s). You suck my cock & I'll fuck you. Also, passionate kissing, tit and ball play/teaching. Me: middle aged, good looking, 5'11", workout, br/bz, HIV+, ISO regular buddy not LTR. You: under 40, any race, versatile, safe sex, can keep it up, herb ok, no drugs or heavy drinkers. No reciprocation. HIV-. ☎ 5534

Sanoma Co Dildo Fuckhole
Goodlooking guy needs nasty top men into hot, serious buttplay using fingers, big dildos. Like showing off hole, dirty talk. Enthusiasm more important than looks, age. All calls returned. ☎ 5519

ISO Dominant
Inexperienced, submissive attractive, in-shape 5'7", 148, 45, ISO in-shape dominant verbal to please and obey. ☎ 5520

E. Bay GW Bear CPL ISO Masc
Men for hot 3-ways. We're both 40s, bearded, tall, over 220#, hairy, masculine, T/B, stable. You: 30+, 180+, versatile, ready for intense weekend play & future E. Bay Bear parties. ☎ 5521

Handsome Guy Age 43 8" cut
Seeks other handsome guys hung 8 or more. ☎ 5225

Best Butt Work In SF

Topman into asp/erotic spanking. Hugs & kisses too. Me: attrac, GWM, 48, 6'5", 250#, husky build, brown/hair/moustache, hairy chest & stomach. You: attr, GM/white, asian, latin, slim smooth/moderate bodyhair, nice bones. ☎ 5522

Bik Btm Sks Tops
GWM 5'10" 200bs, HIV+, btm to service GWM/GLM tops with my ass, oil massage, oral, video, foot/body worship. Open minded fuck buddy. ☎ 5523

Attention All Mature "Brothas"
Nice, sensuous WM 43 HIV- with hot mouth & tongue would love to safely service HIV-. BM 35-65, I'm talented & versatile who really knows how to please mature "brothas". ☎ 5418

It's All About You
Submissive bottom, 6', 200lb, buzz-cut, hairy, nice butt, eager to please mouth, ISO muscular top who wants to train for his pleasure. ☎ 5622

Boy Wanted For The New Year!

Lots of loving and light S&M scenes.

Master-Daddy is 5', 5'7", 170#, attractive and you are 18-40, GdLkg, submiss and enjoy serving an older man.

Open to LTR. ☎ 5623

Sit On My Face

Well built top, hung big needs well built WM (20s-30s) with big firm hairy butt to eat and fuck. ☎ 5624

Hot & Horny Like to get Fucked
GWM 50yo 5'11" 175# HIV- NS ND, like to suck and get fucked and play around watch video's age & color not a factor please call. ☎ 5524

Palo Alto GAM Cocksocker 40yo
5'11" 185 ISO Guys under 45 to give head to with no reciprocation. UB 7" or more. Between 11pm-9am week days, your place. ☎ 5626

Hot Handsome Ball Worshipper
For the guy with big sensitive hangers that like attention from an experienced mature GWM; 5'10, 155, toned, hot mouth and touch, bearded. You be aware of the pleasure, or curious. ☎ 5525

Got a Big Dick or Smooth Ass?
Get them serviced by a handsome oral expert world-renowned for his expertise! Downtown location, quick callback. Treat yourself! You won't be sorry! ☎ 5526

Rugged Guy
Masculine, affectionate, athletic Asian, 51, 5'11", 180#, smooth swimmer's body, seekers down-to-earth, lean or muscular muscular WM for hot, sensual body and oral workouts. ☎ 5528

Wanted: Guys With Hard Cocks
Looking for guys with hard cocks who want to party. Check out my box and get my web address, tell me what you're into. ☎ 5529

Island Suckpig Wanted!
Human vampire in zip code 94501 needed to receive fast, frequent throat explorations. You're easy to reach (no call-backs) and have no age, race, tools hang-ups. Experts only. ☎ 5530

Horny GWM Seeks GAM Playmates
Sexy GWM 5'11", 165lbs, hairy chest, G/WB top sees boyish, slender GWM for hot sex! ☎ 5531

Skinny In Sonoma County
Wrap your slender young (18-30) legs around me while I give you great head and rimming. I'm 50s, nice looking, generous, full healthy. Love oral/short or tall guys. ☎ 5532

Aian Suckpig Wanted!
Active, greek passive in-shape, 40, 6'1", 195, slave loves it all. Caning, paddling, enemas, G/S, N/T, CBT, etc. ☎ 5533

Thirsty Deep Throat Expert
Will drink every drop of your golden liquid! Let this mature phallic worshipper worship and service you. ☎ 5534

Daytime Asshole Eater
Get your asshole eaten by a pro!!!! ☎ 5535

Older Men Only
Kinky mature men needed to worship big dick, lick hot balls, and tongue fast. Age look's unimportant. Be thirsty, hungry. ☎ 5534

A-1 Oral Service - Delivered
GWM 5'11", 180#, 183 seeks others to 50 who need to feel dad's hand, hairbrush complete oral service to mature, trim guys who really dig getting sucked off. No reciprocation. HIV-. ☎ 5535

Corporal Punishment
GWM 5'11", 183' 183 seeks others to 50 who need to feel dad's hand, hairbrush strap as punishment for their misbehavior. Get ready to get your butt blistered off. ☎ 5535

Young Lthr Master
5'0", 5'10", 160#, blond, bl, gdking, in search of GWM slaveboy into BDMs, CBT, FF (I) Ws, leather. You be between 25-30 gdk, slim with good servitude, LTR-posss. Applicants call: ☎ 5536

All I Want For Christmas.....
I am a fish in my own! Novice red hankey right seeks expert handballer to open me up. Attitude more important than looks. ☎ 5537

Little Guy-Big Cock?
You fit description big surprises come in small packages, love showing it off, being serviced, WM 50, wants to worship your big dick. Any race, uncot A+. ☎ 5538

Tight Forever
I hope to relocate soon from Florida. ☎ 5539

Lemma Earn Your Vote Too!
I'm facing re-election as a captain, U.S. olympic cockswaking team. Rivals yelling "term limits!" Action needed. Pull it out. You'll wanna repeat! Ok by me. ☎ 5521

Bay Wanted For Dr. Goodlove
Submissive boy hole with Dr. Dick will surrender to pig top, bondage, sleep, marathon. Boy will follow and serve your journey. Please and thank you. Only. ☎ 5427

Be My Puppy
I'm a cute GWM in 20s looking for a submissive boy under 6' tall and under 24 to lease and take for walks. heavy petting and sleeping in bed provided. ☎ 5428

Boy Wanted For The New Year!

Lots of loving and light S&M scenes.

Master-Daddy is 5', 5'7", 170#, attractive and you are 18-40, GdLkg, submiss and enjoy serving an older man.

Open to LTR. ☎ 5623

HA HA HA HA HA

Tidy bottom sex top. 31 5'9" 130, boyish and curvy. Hold me down and make me squirt. jack me off real slow and make me squirt. you're in charge.

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Seeking Black Tops

GWM, 37, 5'11" 192 Golds Gym Buff W/stache seeks black man top, gay or straight. Be good at it. Be in-shape. Mirrors, rubbers and lube provided. ☎ 5625

Hot Horny Hung Bodybuilder
Looking for a steady muscular fuck buddy. I'm a very attractive masculine GWM 31yo 5'8" 180 solid muscle 30" w hung 9X6. Looking for other very muscular guys 25-35. ☎ 5627

Seeking Masculine Bottom
Who takes Black Dick in his hairy pussy. Need you to distract, tawdry afair. Me: uncot 5'10", 180#, great body. You: same or similar, sweet pussy, masculine, 21-45. ☎ 5628

Bears-Big Guys.....

Tired of always being on top? this masc. WM loves to plow ass hard & deep. ☎ 5829

COPLES

GWC Seek Couple 4 Swapping &
4 ways and role playing. We are in our 30s, H/W pro, HIV-, hung to 8", handsome, butch, stable and horny. You are HIV-, stable, fun, healthy and H/W pro. Men of color, uncuts and super thick are all +. ☎ 5535

Master Sks Slaveboy For LTR
Me 6' 200# br/hzl. You are 18-23 small built slightly fem and feel a desire to have a master train you in his way, if so call now your collars waiting. ☎ 5536

Fest! Fun! & Friendship!

Lifelong attraction to men's barefoot. Crave mutual barefoot kissing, licking, smelling, caressing, toe wrestling. Roles, Fantasies, J/O, E/B sensual GWM (no ring, 5'9", trim, tan, hairy, HIV- loves barefoot!). ☎ 5537

Bondage & Discipline!

Needed by experienced, masculine, bottom. 41, 5'11", 195#, work out, good build/looks, beard interests: fogging, electricity, wax, cloths pins expanding limits no drugs, safe sex oriented. ☎ 5539

Eager Old Bottom

Need his hung stud to unload on my face. Me: WM 45, muscular, hairy, hung, hungry for large oral load, dig uncot, low hangers, multiple loads. I'm in ☎ 5540

Black Oral Pro Wanted

Well-educated uncot BIM ISO mature BIM male for deep throat, you are very experienced and can take it all. No beginners! Looks unimportant. Aroma No teeth a plus. Your place. ☎ 5541

Young Slaves Wanted

Handsome Asian master 38, 5'9", 150# work out seeks 18-40 for training, roleplaying, B/D, fantasy. Beginners welcome. Also into massage exchange, posing, submissive bottoms. I'm in ☎ 5542

Black Oral Pro Wanted

Well-educated uncot BIM ISO mature BIM male for deep throat, you are very experienced and can take it all. No beginners! Looks unimportant. Aroma No teeth a plus. Your place. ☎ 5543

Totally Submissive

White boy sex slave needed for whipping and topping by GWM 38' 5'9" 140lbs. Boy must have trim body, not bald. ☎ 5544

Feetsheersocksdressshoes

Attractive Latino 32, 5'11", 190, Virgo, size 12 shoe, tan, hairy, 35 white. Would like to see Latinas, Whites or Asians into same fetish NS only. Games under 38. ☎ 5545

Mature Master ISO Slave

Experienced mature GWM master ISO professional GWM slave to train for his pleasure. Be ready for mind control and total obedience. Well built, healthy 30+ years old. ☎ 5630

Cohibas, Anyone?

GWM 47, 6' 175#, Br/Bi, uncot, top, handsome, gym toned, 25-45, in shape with nice bones. Black A+. You must love to eat ass for hours. ☎ 5632

Mature Boot Licking

Pliss drinker seeks well endowed men to worship and service with his talented deep throat. ☎ 5634

R U Top with Underwear Fetish?

Seeking imaginative, disciplined top willing to cuddle, fondle, caress, probe, and dirty talk in our underwear without sex! You wear white briefs, Dick strap or boxes, I'll wear... Let's talk. ☎ 5635

Ready For Ownership?

Master/Daddy seeks 35+ slave/daddy's boy, master is 6', 165#, grey hair, trim beard, late 50's. UB in 6' tall and 160#, trim/proportional, expect creative B/D, SM, slave training. ☎ 5636

"Derby DUDE"

Skinhead Blue Collar Dude, hot motor-mouth gives blow jobs to Cholas, guys in Derby Jackets, Boots, Ski-masks. ☎ 5637

The Hottest Guy In Town

Even the hottest guy in town is not worth risking your life over. Always play safe. Wear a condom and never exchange bodily fluids. Remember, safe sex is hot sex! ☎ SAFE

Women's Basketball Is Here!

ABIL Lasers, CAL, ☎ Stanford. Want to go to games, but not alone. Join us! Meet at games, ride together, get after-wards, & just meet new people. It's up to you! Call now! ☎ 4957

COUPLES**Bi-Filipino Seeks Couples**

Bi-Filipino male 30, athletic, handsome, professional seeks GWM playmates for exploration and fantasy. Let me be your sex boy. ☎ 5241

Who Says 3's a Crowd

GW couple late 30s, attractive and in shape, ISO men or other couples who are in shape, attractive and hung! Between 30-50 for hot safe action. ☎ 5245

Latino Dream Fuck

Uncut Latino sought by Italian and Latino tops for hot safe 3-way. We: in-shape, mid 30s. ISO men or other couples who are in shape, attractive and hung! Between 30-50 for hot safe action. ☎ 5240

3 Is Not A Crowd

Sincere, professional, ☎ F couple seeks similar 3rd. Us: wild/silly Indonesian 32-5/7/120, bottom; pink/geek caucasian 43/6/220, versatile. You trim, trim, fun, top, 30-40, HIV- no drugs. ☎ 5430

Spice Up Your Sex Lives

Sexy, sophisticated former Manhattanite looking for fun, care-free, non-threatening party times w couples 30-45. I'm early 40s built, hairy, and a top. You be versatile, give a call. ☎ 5546

Hung & Up In North Bay

GW CPL, handsome, hairy, healthy, 40s with staying power, looking for fuck buddy, prof, asian, latino, but..., we are versatile tops. ☎ 5547

Facing it

◀ Arts cover

mother. Ain't families grand?

Oprahgate

America's First Lady of Chat-ter was first sued by Texas cattle ranchers who claimed her anti-hamburger remark on an *Oprah* show about mad cow disease caused U.S. beef prices to plummet. Then she bought the rights to Toni Morrison's novel *Beloved*. Oprah produced and starred in the film and threw the considerable weight of America's most popular talk show behind *Beloved's* promotion. When Oprah speaks, journalists, publishers, and PR flacks listen. But despite the kind of pre-release publicity appropriate to the Second Coming, *Beloved* tanked. Oprah, girlfriend, what were you thinking? How many people will spend seven dollars to watch three hours of relentless human suffering?

Oprah Winfrey in *Beloved*

ing and come away feeling entertained? Since *Beloved* became one of the big flops of the year, the silence from Winfrey's Harpo Productions has been deafening; but regular viewers will notice the talk show host's dress size has increased since the film's premiere. Those who just can't get enough of slavery should rent *Mandingo*, one of the camp classics of all time. It is to slavery what "Springtime for Hitler" (from Mel Brooks' *The Producers*) is to W.W.II. Plus *Mandingo* contains the handsome Perry King in full frontal nudity (suggestion: keep your magnifying glass handy — "minuscule" is the word that first comes to mind).

Dance fever

In a very Clinton-esque version of Ronald Reagan's trickle-down theory, Steve Schmitt, a hunky 29-year-old East Bay male stripper, was arrested for allegedly allowing a minor female to give him a blow-job. The girl reportedly paid him \$20 for the privilege. It all happened at an October "Girls Night Out" party arranged by a Pleasanton mom for her daughter and her daughter's 15- and 16-year-old girlfriends. Mom passed out flyers for the party at Amador Valley High School and charged the kids \$5 admission. Schmitt was booked for the party over the Internet, and booked in county jail a few weeks later — with bail set at \$100,000. The photographic evidence reportedly shows lots of teens with their hands in Schmitt's G-string, where they leisurely deposited their tips. Parents were not amused, and Schmitt faces up to 12 years in prison, where he will undoubtedly be very popular.



Assemblywoman Carole Migden

maker Edward Guthmann took a brief leave of absence from the paper this year. No one knew what he was up to until several unsuspecting citizens stumbled upon an obscure one-man-show at Josie's Cabaret. Billed only as an evening with Tallulah Bankhead, the show was a drag monologue that featured Guthmann as the infamous female star of stage and screen. By all accounts, it was one of the worst performances in San Francisco history. There is no shame in being a lousy drag queen, but the creep factor zooms into the stratosphere when you learn that Guthmann's appearance was completely uncredited. He did not use his name in any advance publicity, nor did the lily-livered critic identify himself at the time of the performance. The degree of neuroses reflected in this modus operandi is too scary to contemplate. Guthmann wisely did not give up his day job.

Waiter! Oh, waiter!

Adding to her illustrious string of accomplishments in Sacramento, Assemblywoman Carole Migden succeeded early this year in overturning a 1997 law that banned the use of raw eggs in the preparation of Caesar salad dressing. Lawmakers feared the possibility of salmonella poisoning, but Migden was persuasive in convincing them of the error of their ways. Why the fuss? Migden's favorite lunch is a fresh Caesar salad, and the Sacramento restaurant that was her lunchtime haunt followed the law and refused to use raw egg in the preparation. Evidently, the taste was simply not the same. Migden, who is known to suffer from cancer of the personality, must now return from lunch happier, but still reeking of garlic and anchovies. One small step for woman, one great leap for womankind.

What will he do next?

Exceedingly strange SF Chronicle film critic and would-be film-

ist Christians. Last September, contestants blabbed about family values and God at every opportunity, and several voiced strong objections to homosexual marriage. There were no dissenting voices. The winner: Nicole Johnson, Miss Virginia, a diabetic and aspiring journalist. The only paid employment on the current Miss America's résumé is her previous job as a writer/administrative assistant for Pat Robertson's *700 Club* on the Christian Broadcasting Network. If you don't believe this is a big communist plot, I invite you to peruse the pageant's website (www.missamerica.org), where you may find positive proof. Scrolling down the page, you'll find that to get more information about the organization, you click on the icon "MAO." I told you so.

The Queering of America

Michael Huffington, fag. Well, shut my mouth. And you smarties out there who say you knew all along — where were you when we needed you? We almost had a closeted Republican as United States Senator from California. Huffington's political career was dead as a doornail anyway, so he had nothing to lose by coming out this month. But we now know why his divorce from the notoriously chatty Ariana was so quiet — you can bet there was a big payday for her when that final decree was issued. Talk about bargains with the devil! At least there was one thing everyone got right during Huffington's failed campaign: it was Mrs. Huffington who was the real candidate. We haven't seen such unbridled female drive and determination since Bette Davis starred in *The Little Foxes*. Unfortunately, Ariana rode the wrong horse into battle.



Mayor Willie Brown

Gregory F. Fischer

Georgy-Porgy, puddin' and ...

His eminence Mayor Brown took three direct hits in the form of pies thrown by political activists during one of his press conferences. Brown, humorless under the best of circumstances, immediately jumped into the fray and tackled the one female pie-thrower, wrestling her to the ground and allegedly fracturing her collar bone. The press and the mayor's office made a big stink about increasing security and prosecuting the pie-eyed perpetrators to the full extent of the law, but the public saw something else. Videotape footage of the event reveals the mayor's snazzy public persona as a thin veneer that masks a deep well of repressed anger. This man is dangerous.

I'll take Manhattan — Make that small bills, please

Faded 74-year-old chanteuse Margaret Whiting slipped and fell on the New York City pavement last April and sued the city for \$2 million. Whiting's complaint alleges a fractured left knee, head wounds, and "severe shock to the nervous system," according to the *New York Post*. The singer's husband, faded 53-year-old former gay porn star Jack Wrangler, is also suing the city for \$1 million. Wrangler, star of *Kansas City Trucking Company*, *Raunch Ranch*, and *Heavy Equipment*, is suing because his wife's injuries deprived him of "conjugal fellowship and sexual fulfillment." No, this is not an episode of *Ally McBeal*, but it should be.

The Manchurian candidate

You weren't just imagining it — the politics of the Miss America Pageant are now somewhere to the right of Hitler. After several years of declining television ratings, the pageant rearranged its priorities and now makes an unmistakable pitch to fundamental-



Bill Clinton

Suck this Banana!

Proving that old Bill doesn't have a lock on presidential blowjobs, the 63-year-old former President of Zimbabwe was convicted of eleven gay sex charges on November 26. The charges included sodomy and homosexual assault of his subordinate, Inspector Jefta Dube. Dube reported that the former president first raped him in 1984 by spiking his Fanta orange drink. When Dube awoke, he was naked from the waist down and his rectum had been lubricated with "slippery stuff." Dube says he awoke to find the grinning president standing over him, dressed in a Mao jacket, and explaining that he had "helped himself." Just before his conviction, the president (who held office from 1980 to 1987) flew the coop and headed for South Africa. His lawyers say he returned voluntarily to Zimbabwe this month, but officials say he was extradited. The former president, whose sentencing has been postponed to January 18, is — of course — a married Methodist minister and theology professor. His name ... Canaan Banana. (Ah, Herb, you old scuzzball, there were moments in 1998 when even you were missed.) ▼

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The unreal thing

by Deborah Peifer

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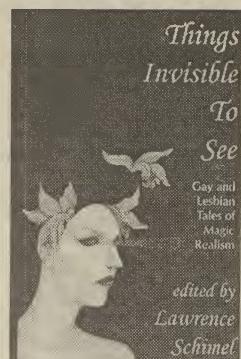
Christabel by Laura Adams; Naiad, \$11.95

I'll confess to a true affection for the story that takes the real world and stands it on its head. I'm not talking about wholly created fantasy worlds, but rather, a familiar world in which things happen for which there is no rational explanation, but which are nevertheless entirely believable. Magic realism the critics call it, and when the realism and the magic are both credibly portrayed, the reader is the winner.

In his fine introduction to *Things Invisible To See*, editor Lawrence Schimel (*The Drag Queen of Ellwand*) offers a definition of magic realism that includes our queer existence: "For many of us, that moment of finding out we're not the only one, of falling in love for the first time with someone of the same sex and finding that love miraculously, incredibly — when society tells us such passion is wrong and perverse — returned, can seem like a bright spot of magic in the drab, gray 'real' world."

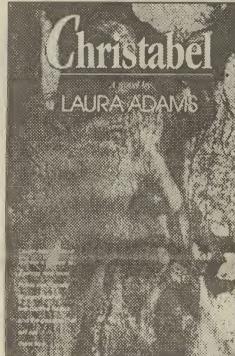
The stories in this collection vary widely in terms of plot, style, and theme, but all are evidence of the skill of the writers. In Martha Soukup's narrative "The Story So Far," the story is told from the point of view of one of the peripheral characters, someone who wants to claim time for herself unrelated to the hero's concerns. Schimel's "The River of Time" begins with an urn full of ashes and ends... well, I won't tell you, but you'll be glad you read the story. Leslea Newman's "Still Life With Woman and Apple" will change forever the way you feel when you visit a museum. "Shayna Maidel" by Laura Antoniou made me laugh out loud. *Things Invisible To See* is an extraordinary collection.

"Laura Adams" is the pseudonym of a lesbian romance writer whose first novel, *Night Vision*, was one of my top ten for last year. Her new novel, *Christabel*, is a story of marketing, advertising, and satanic evil. Now I think of it, what's unreal about that? Plenty.



as it turns out.

Dina Rowland works for an investment firm, and her newest client, a fashion designer, is a plain pig. One of his models, however, causes Dina to lose her professional cool every time she wanders into a room. The model, Christabel, comes from a long line of women who die young, usually horribly. Convinced she has no future, her feelings for Dina cause more regret than anything else.



Adams wraps this contemporary tale with a series of flashbacks to colonial times and the first, cursed Christabel. Adams deftly moves from first to third person narration, and the time and place are always clear. Her recreation of the brutality of colonial life for women is particularly vivid, and makes a nice contrast to the horrors of twentieth-century marketing. The ending is fantastic and believable and very satisfying.

Our lives are, or should be, magical. Take a little time to meet some very fine writers as they do voodoo that they do so well, but keep the lights on, and make sure all the doors are securely locked. Nothing is as it seems, don't you know?

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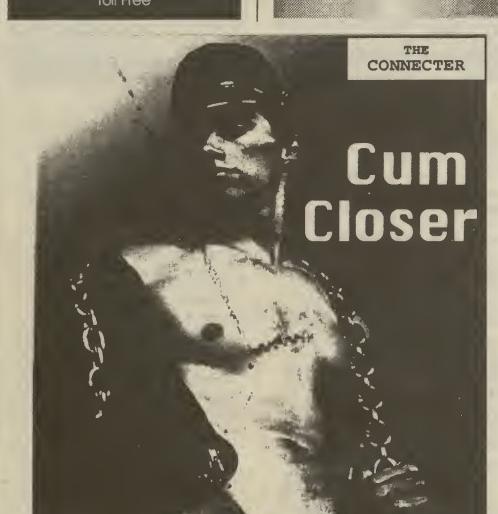
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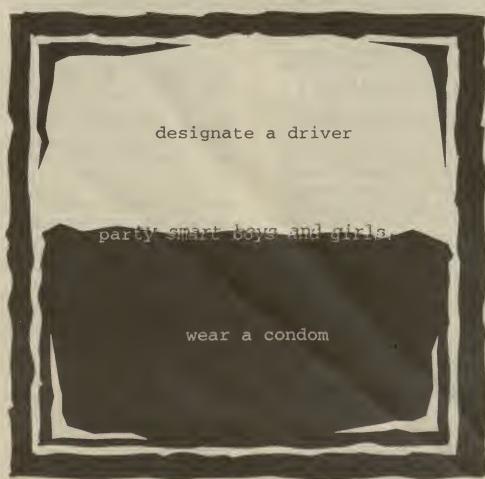


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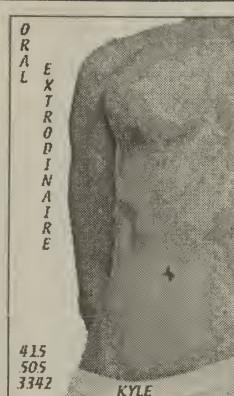
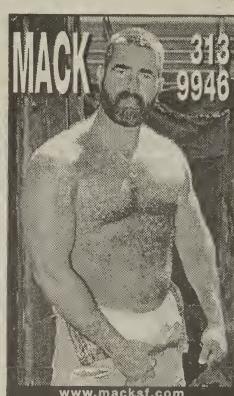
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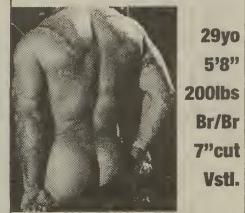
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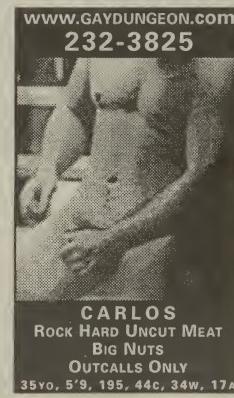
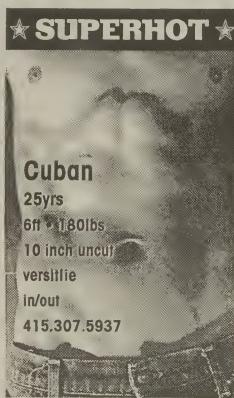
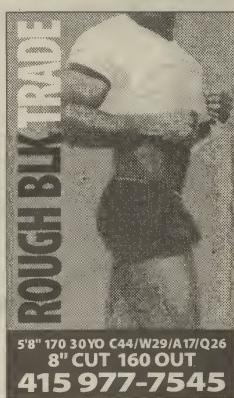
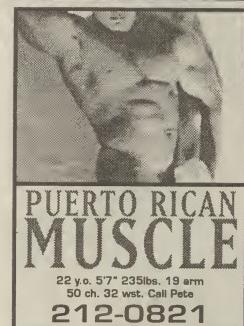


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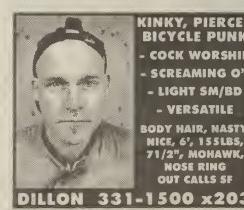
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